

## February LIFT 2017-18

### Level 1-3 Home Assignment

**Theme:** Suffering and Healing

- Objectives:**
1. Know where we are in the liturgical calendar.
  2. Be able to retell the gospel story of the Healing of the Leper
  3. List some ways that we can bring healing in the world.
  5. Consider ways in which Jesus heals us
  4. Be able to explain Ash Wednesday and Lent

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### Activities

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#### Liturgical Calendar Connection

Remember from last time that the church uses different colors to show what church (liturgical) time of year we are in.

- What color did we see today on the altar and on Father Andrew's vestments? (green)
- What does green mean? (We are in Ordinary Time.) What does Ordinary Time mean? (It is the time when we study Jesus' life and teachings- Ordinary usually means "regular" or "plain" but the way that we are using it here means "order" as in the order of counted weeks.)
- What liturgical season is coming next? Hint...Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. What does Ash Wednesday mark the beginning of? (Lent) What color is associated with Lent? (purple)

#### Gospel Reading and Reflection Questions

##### Read the Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter.

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He spread the report abroad  
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.  
He remained outside in deserted places,  
and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

### **Reflection questions**

- What is leprosy? Have you ever heard of the disease?
- Why do you think Jesus wasn't afraid to touch the man?
- If the healing of the man was a good thing, why didn't Jesus want him to tell anyone what happened?
- The man with leprosy had faith that Jesus could heal him. How do you think the man felt once he was healed?
- Through Jesus, even when we do something wrong, we can be forgiven. Why is it important to try to do better and not do things that are wrong, even though we know we can just be forgiven later?
- How does it feel to be left out? How does Jesus feel about those who are left out?
- How do I reach out to other people? How does Jesus reach out to other people?

### **Lent**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3L3c23MfC0>

For the younger kids, you will need to read through the screens

Reflection questions:

- What do the 40 days of Lent symbolize or remind us of?
- Why do we receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday?
- Who has received ashes? How do you feel with ashes on your forehead?
- Practices of Lent: Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer
  - What is fasting? almsgiving? prayer?
- What will you do this Lent?

### **Closing Prayer**

Say the "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" together