

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Family Connection
Gospel Reading

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy,
who reports his cure to everyone.



Family Connection

Today's Gospel *invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family.*

Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. **By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast.**

The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. **He may have expected that Jesus would not help him.** The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as **Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.**



Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on)

How does your family go about making these decisions?

What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values?

In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice.

Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45

In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy.

All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching.

Conclude in prayer together, ***asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions.***

Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32, or pray the ***Prayer for Vocations.***

**God, in Baptism you called me by name
and made me a member of your people, the Church.
Help all your people to know their vocation in life,
and to respond by living a life of holiness.
For your greater glory and for the service of your people,
raise up dedicated and generous leaders
who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.**

**Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me
that I may serve your people
following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name I offer this prayer.
Amen.**