

Sunday of the Canaanite Woman

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1.

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The disciples were annoyed that she was bothering them and asked Jesus to ignore her.



3.

We see that Jesus was really sent to help everyone. The Canaanites were usually the enemies of the Israelites, but that didn't stop Jesus from helping her. We just need to have faith in Jesus at all times. Faith is knowing that Jesus is our God and believing that He was sent to save us from evil.



4.

We all must keep God close to us through our prayers. Our duty is to pray to offer thanks to God, to ask that He help others who are in need, to ask for the forgiveness of our sins, and to ask for help and guidance in our own lives. God always hears our prayers, and answers them when He knows we are ready.

2.

Jesus told the woman that He was sent to help the people of Israel not the Canaanites, and if He helped her it would be like giving children's food to dogs, basically a waste. She begged Him again for His help. This time He answered that since she had so much faith, He would help her.

Jesus and the Canaanite Woman

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Matthew 15:21-28

Name: _____ Date: _____

Use the words below to fill in the blanks. The letters in the square complete the message in the pink box.

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1. God always helps all the _____ _____
2. We must _____ to God for thanks, help for others, forgiveness of sins, and help and guidance in our own lives. _____ _____
3. Jesus was _____ the Canaanite woman. _____ _____
4. We have to live with _____ and joy in our hearts. _____ _____
5. The Canaanite woman had faith that Jesus would _____ her sick daughter. _____



We must always have complete _____ in God.

INITIAL PREPARATORY PRAYER

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{Teacher's Edition}

Lesson Objective: To have the children become familiar with this bible passage and understand that God is always listening to their prayers.

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Activity:

Have children use the words to fill in the blanks and uncover the message in the box.

Initial Preparatory Prayer:

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