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## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 20 August, 2023

### Matthew 15:25-28

A woman came to Jesus, went to her knees, and begged. "Master, help me." He said, "It's not right to take bread out of children's mouths and throw it to dogs." She was quick: "You're right, Master, but beggar dogs do get scraps from the master's table." Jesus gave in. "Oh, woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!" Right then her daughter became well.

Loving God, thank you for showing us that everyone is special. Thank you for giving us loving hearts, and we ask you to help us to treat everyone the way you want us to, and especially welcome those who are different to us. **Amen.**



I am proud  
to be an apostle  
to the Gentiles.



Jesus came first to the people of Israel, but he knew that the people of God are all those who know God's mercy.  
Paul preached to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and the church spread to people of other countries.  
Today there are Christians of every race and in every country of the world.

Can you think of countries  
beginning with these letters?

- A \_\_\_\_\_
- L \_\_\_\_\_
- L \_\_\_\_\_
- N \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_
- T \_\_\_\_\_
- I \_\_\_\_\_
- O \_\_\_\_\_
- N \_\_\_\_\_
- S \_\_\_\_\_

Let the people praise you  
O God  
Let all the peoples  
praise you.  
*Psalm 67*

You might need an atlas to help with this page.



# Word Search: Matthew 15:21-28 (CEV)

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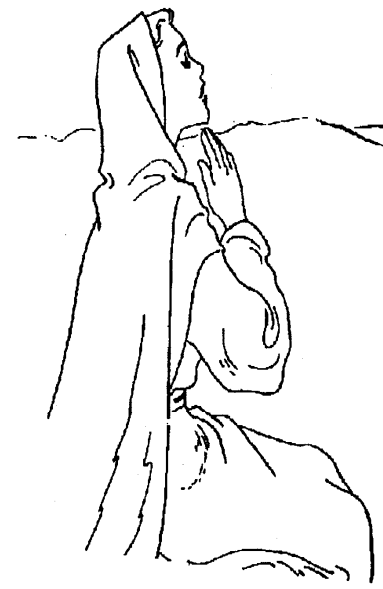
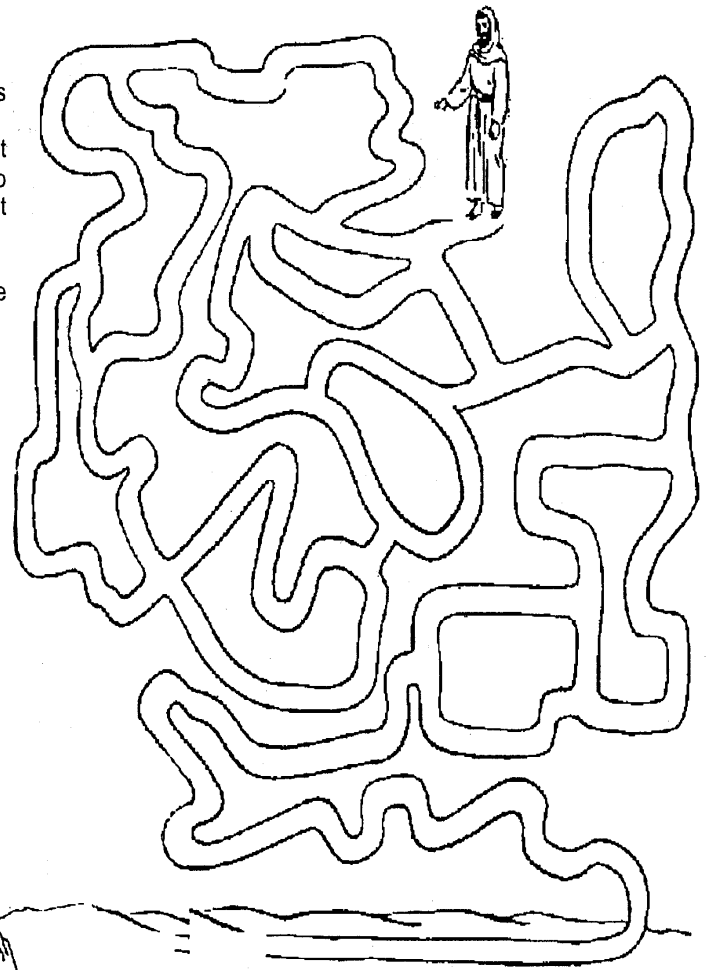
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| SHEEP     | KNELT     | PLEASE   | RIGHT  |
| CHILDREN  | LORD      | TABLE    | JESUS  |
| FAITH     | HEALED    |          |        |

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How many paths can you find?  
 Use different coloured pencils to make different pathways.

Which way will she go to Jesus?



This woman comes from a faraway land.

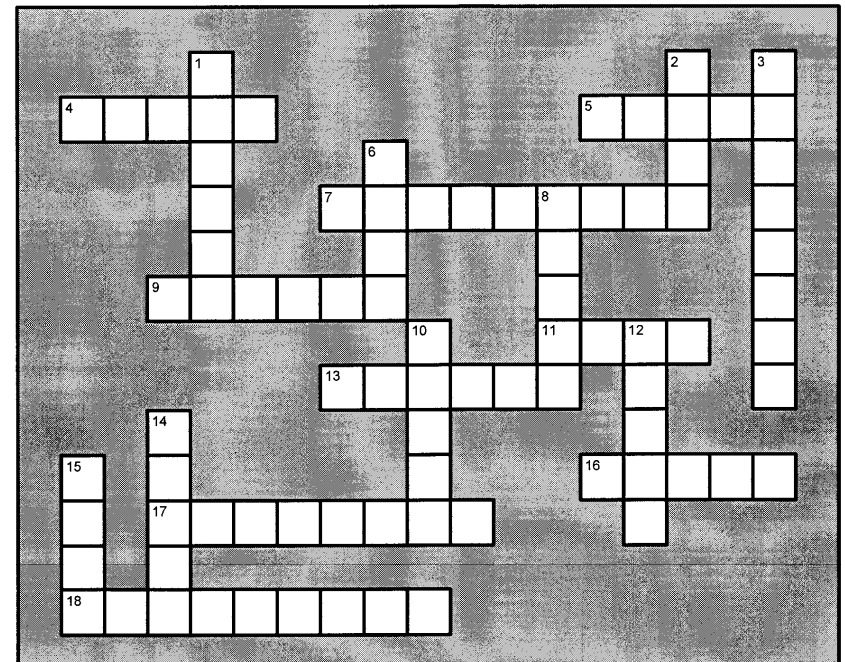
She has heard about Jesus. She has faith in him. She knows he will heal her sick daughter, even though she is not a Jew.



## Crossword: Matthew 15:21-28 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.



- 7 across) Jesus left and went to the \_\_\_\_\_ near the cities  
 10 down) of Tyre and Sidon. Suddenly a Canaanite \_\_\_\_\_ from  
 17 across) there came out \_\_\_\_\_, "Lord and Son of David,  
 2 down) have \_\_\_\_\_ on me! My daughter is full of demons."  
 15 down) Jesus did not say a \_\_\_\_\_. But the woman kept  
 18 across) following along and shouting, so his \_\_\_\_\_ came  
 6 down) up and asked him to \_\_\_\_\_ her away.  
 13 across) Jesus said, "I was sent only to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel!  
 16 across) They are like a flock of lost \_\_\_\_\_."  
 4 across) The woman came closer. Then she \_\_\_\_\_ down and begged,  
 1 down) \_\_\_\_\_ help me, Lord!  
 12 down) Jesus replied, "It isn't \_\_\_\_\_ to take food away from  
 3 down) \_\_\_\_\_ and feed it to dogs."  
 11 across) \_\_\_\_\_, that's true," the woman said, "but even dogs  
 8 down) get the crumbs that fall from their owner's \_\_\_\_\_."  
 14 down) \_\_\_\_\_ answered, "Dear woman, you really do have a  
 5 across) lot of \_\_\_\_\_, and you will be given what you want."  
 9 across) At that moment her daughter was \_\_\_\_\_.