## St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Trinity 13

Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

## Story

This is a story about Jesus.

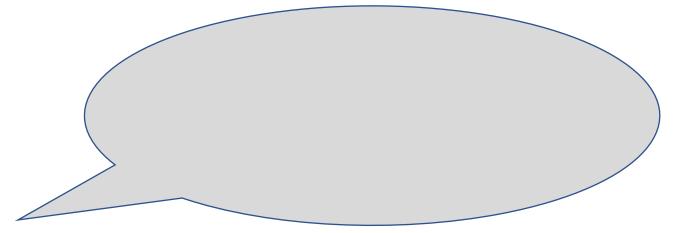
Jesus was feeling very tired. He had been very busy preaching and teaching and healing and the crowds had been surrounding him. He felt he needed to be alone by himself and have a rest so he went out of his own country and stayed at a house. But he couldn't get away from other people that easily. A woman who had a little daughter who was ill heard that he was there. She was a foreigner, and in Jesus' time, people in his country thought that foreigners were dirty.

The woman came into the house where Jesus was staying and bowed down low at his feet and begged him to heal her daughter. Jesus was so tired he was rude to her. He said; 'It isn't fair to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs'. He meant that his own people needed him more. To call someone a dog was like it would be if we called someone a pig.

But the woman didn't answer back rudely. Maybe she saw that he was feeling tired. So she gave a clever, good-tempered answer. She said: 'That's true, Sir, but even the dogs eat the crumbs under the table.' Jesus realised that he had not been kind. He said, 'You can go home now, your daughter is quite well.' And she went home, and her daughter was cured, just as Jesus said.

Then Jesus went back to his own people. Some people brought a man to him for healing. This man was deaf and could hardly speak. 'Please cure him' they begged. So Jesus took him aside. He put his fingers in the man's ears, and he put his spit on the man's tongue. Jesus looked up to heaven and said 'Be opened.' Suddenly the man could hear, and speak! Jesus told them not to tell everyone, but this didn't work. People were astonished and praised him whenever they heard the story, and marvelled at his power.

I wonder...What do you think the first words were that the man said once he could speak? You could write them here:





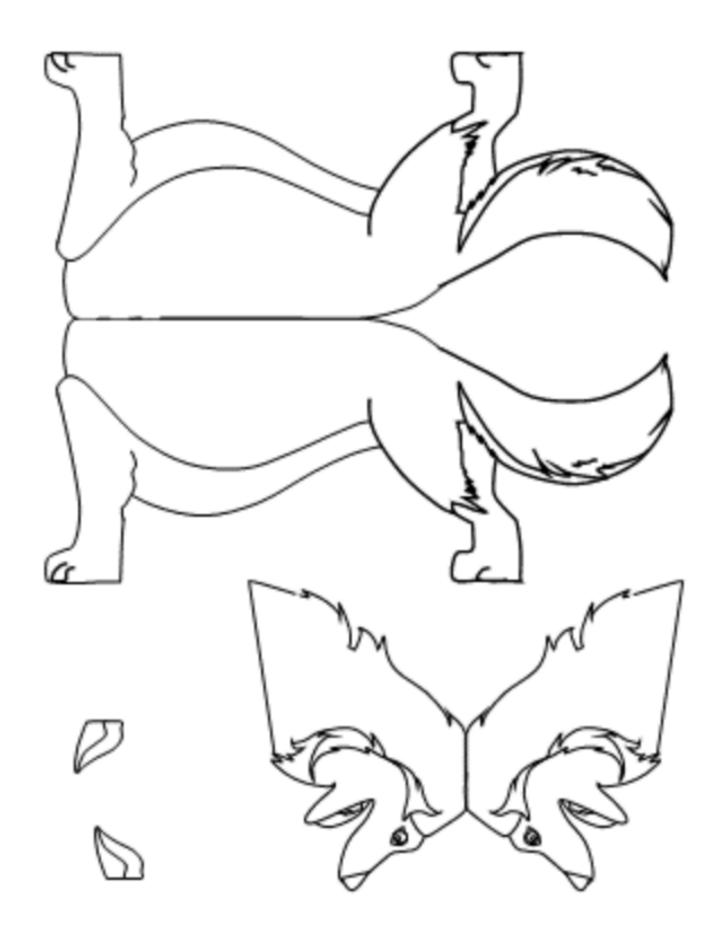
## Here's a word search for you



And here is a lovely picture of the woman talking to Jesus, with a rather sweet dog. Colour the picture and you could add in some crumbs for the dog too.



Picture from https://reverendally.org



**Make a stand-up paper dog.** It may help to print this page on thicker paper if you have some. Colour your dog how you like. Cut out the pieces and fold the head and body in half down the centre line. Stick the ears on the head. Glue the tail together, and the front half of the head. Slide the head onto the body and glue it in place. Original from DLIK-kids.com