



***Nurturing Faith...***  
*Every Day in Every Way*

January 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 Psalm 111  
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
 Mark 1:21-28



***Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

Hellooo friends! If you wanted to learn how to build something, who would you ask? Maybe a construction worker or a carpenter? How about if you wanted to learn how to bake a cake? You might ask a baker or your grandma. What if you wanted to learn how to play the clarinet? You might ask a band teacher or someone who plays the clarinet.

Why would we listen to or go to those people to ask how to do these things? Because they know how...because they do it for a living or it's something they enjoy. This makes them really good at what they know how to do.

What if we wanted to know how to love people? Who do you think we'd listen to about that?

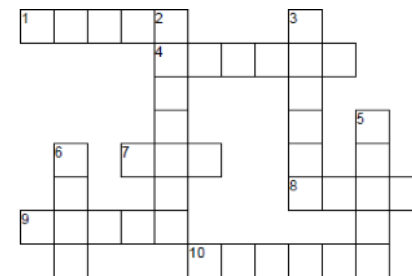
Our gospel lesson from Mark tells us "When Jesus lived on earth he was a teacher, and the people who heard him "were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as having authority..."

Jesus taught people about the love of God. They could see by the things he did and the things he said that he was an authority. They watched as Jesus healed a man who was sick in his mind. They saw the power of God's love.

The best teachers are the ones who really know what they are talking about. Jesus is the best teacher to teach us about love.

Loving God, you sent your son Jesus to teach with power, to show us how to love, and what healing looks like. Help us to model Jesus' way of love so that others may know his saving grace. Amen.

*Crossword Puzzle*



**HORIZONTAL**

1. The Son of God
4. To be extremely surprised
7. An adult male human being
8. Immoral, bad, or wicked
9. To instruct or train someone
10. A supernatural being such as a demon

**VERTICAL**

2. The day of the week set aside by some religions as a day of rest and worship
3. Human beings; men, women and children
5. Making very little or no noise
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

TEACH	PEOPLE	SABBATH	EVIL	QUIET
JESUS	MAN	AMAZED	OBEY	SPIRIT

**Activity:** What do you want to learn how to do? Find an expert in that field and ask if they will show you or...find tutorials on YouTube and try your hand at something new this week.

**Discussion Question** Why wouldn't we go to a florist if we had questions about brushing our teeth? Who would we go to? Likewise, would we go to the dentist if we wanted to learn about flower arranging? What are you good at, and how did you learn?

**Family Table Prayer for January:**

God of hope and all things new, we know your words are always true. We thank you for a brand new start and we love you with our whole heart. Amen.

**January Memory Verse:** Revelation 21:5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."



**Jesus is more powerful than anything!**

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