



## Nurturing Faith . . . Every Day in Every Way

June 27, 2021

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

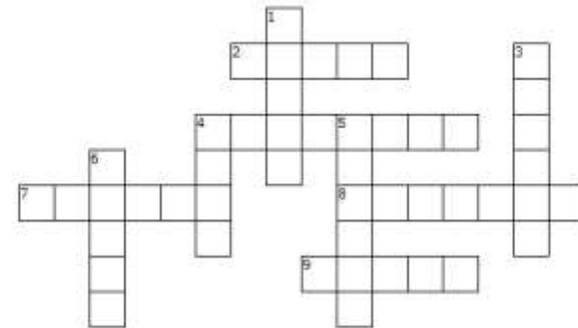
Helllooo friends! Can you think of a time when you got hurt? Maybe you fell off of your bike or banged your elbow pretty hard while playing? Maybe you've even fallen out of bed? What made you feel better? My four-year-old granddaughter, Zara says that everything can be made better with a "bambaid" and a kiss. I think she's on to something.

In our Gospel lesson, Mark tells us about two healing stories. One is about a 12-year-old girl and the other is about a woman who had been ill for 12 years. Jesus had just crossed the sea of Galilee with his disciples when a frazzled rich man named Jarius approached him to say that his daughter was at the point of death. Jarius begged Jesus to come and lay hands on her to heal her. As he was walking, the outcast woman touched the hem of Jesus' robe, and immediately she was healed! Both of these healing stories have something in common...both of the people believed in the power of Jesus' healing. By simply touching Jesus, both the young girl and the woman were made well.

There is something to be said about the power of the healing touch. When we show care and compassion for others by holding their hand or kissing a boo-boo, it makes people feel much better. No matter how little or how young you may be, God has given you healing power, too. That healing comes by sharing the love of Jesus when you offer up a kind word, a hug, or even just a smile to someone who isn't feeling well. What a gift you are to the world! God bless you!!!

**Prayer:** Compassionate God, help me to remember that you are a mighty healer and that by sharing Jesus' love, I can help others feel better. Amen.

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

2. To put the fingers lightly on something
4. Losing blood from a cut or a sore
7. To be cured or restored to health
8. The things you wear to cover your body
9. A human adult female

### DOWN

1. Physical strength or force
3. To experience physical or mental pain
4. The main, physical part of a person
5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
6. To believe in something you cannot see

FAITH	BLEEDING	SUFFER	BODY	WOMAN
DOCTOR	HEALED	CLOTHES	TOUCH	POWER

**Activity:** Make a get-well card for someone you know who isn't feeling great. On the inside of the card, place a band-aid with the words "Jesus loves you" written on it.

**Discussion Question:** What makes you feel better when you don't feel good?

**June Table Prayer:** In your love, we dance and sing. We twirl and spin in the colors you bring. Thank you, God, for Summer and fun, and for the love of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

**June Memory Verse:** Psalm 86:7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

