The Cleansing of a Leper
(Lower Elementary)

February 14, 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

In this week’s Gospel Jesus does something very counter-cultural – He interacts with and heals a leper. According to the Law of Moses, lepers were considered unclean and cast out from society. Why did Jesus go against the social norms of His time? What example did He give us for our own conduct? In this lesson, students will reflect upon these questions and consider how they can follow Jesus’ example.

Directions

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
B. Next, read aloud to your students St. Damien of Molokai and then have them color in the picture of St. Damien.
C. When they are finished, have your students complete the reflection Be Like Jesus.
D. When they have finished, call on students to share and discuss their answers.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. He asked Jesus to make him clean. His question shows that he has great faith in Jesus.
2. He stretched out His hand, touched the man, and said, “I do will it. Be made clean.”
3. He told him to not tell anyone about the healing, but to instead go to the priest and offer himself for cleansing as Moses prescribed. Accept reasoned answers.
4. He told everyone what Jesus had done.