

“Great is your faith!”

∴ JESUS AND THE CANAANITE
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“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Mark 10:14

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Love your enemies



Have you ever heard some-

body say, “Practice what you preach”?

Well, that means you *do* what you say. If you give advice about something, you do it too!

Our Lord, Jesus Christ preached a lot during His ministry. He traveled around, telling peo-

ple the way God wanted them to be. He told people how to act, how to be right with God. Christ preached, but did you know He also *practiced* what He preached?

One rule Christ gave us was to “love your enemies.” That’s a hard thing, of course, isn’t it? But in today’s Gospel reading, we hear how Jesus loved His enemies. In the Gospel today, we hear how a Canaanite woman came to Jesus for help. Her daughter was sick and needed healing! Everybody knew that the Canaanite people were enemies to God’s people. What would Jesus do?

Jesus’s disciples told Jesus to send her away. This Canaanite woman was annoying them. But after speaking with the woman, Jesus healed her daughter and made her well again.

Our Lord always practiced what He preached! He told us to love our enemies. He showed love for this woman who was an enemy of God’s people. He saved her, and healed her daughter. Let’s follow our Lord’s example and love our enemies too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Canaanite
- Faith
- Love
- Leo
- Pope
- Christian
- Dignity
- Blessing
- Practice
- Preach
- Rome

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SAINT LEO THE GREAT POPE OF ROME

Have you ever stood up for something you knew was right? So many of our saints did!

On Thursday, we celebrate the feastday of Saint Leo the Great, Pope of Rome. A pope? That sounds like he was Catholic, not Orthodox! Actually, Saint Leo was both! Many years ago, there was one Christian Church, all together. Saint Leo was the bishop of the Christian Church in Rome.



Saint Leo was a strong Christian leader. He lived about 1600 years ago, when the one Christian Church was attacked by all kinds of heresies. (A heresy is something that is different from the truth.) Saint Leo fought against those heresies—not with a sword, but by teaching people the truth. He wanted everyone to know what we Christians really believe!

Saint Leo wrote many things that we can still read today—hundreds and hundreds of years after he wrote them! Do you think you can try to remember one little thing he wrote? In one sermon, he said, “Christians, remember your dignity.” He told the people how, as Christians, we have to show that we’re different, always trying to do the right thing. We try not to get mixed up in things we know are wrong or bad. “Christians, remember your dignity.” As Christians, we are special followers of Christ, and we want to be like Him!

We celebrate St. Leo on Thursday, February 18th (OC: March 3rd).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here is another icon of Saint Leo the Great. Do you see how he is blessing with his right hand?

Can you find another icon in your church where someone is blessing the people?

