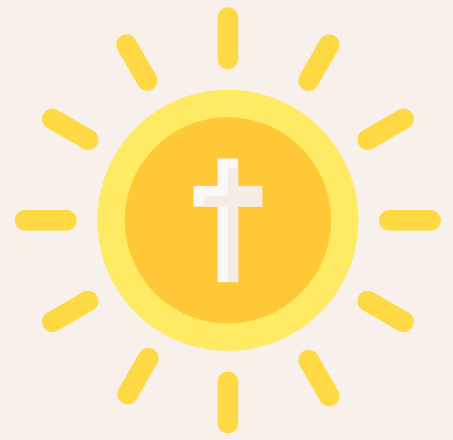


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MYOCN PEW PALS



10th Sunday of Matthew

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, a man brought his son to Jesus. The boy was very sick and suffering from something that made him fall down and get hurt. The man had already asked the disciples to help, but they couldn't heal the boy.

Jesus told the father, "**Bring him to Me.**" Then Jesus healed the boy right away. Later, the disciples asked Jesus, "Why couldn't we heal him?" Jesus said, "**Because of your little faith.**" **If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains!**" He also reminded them that **prayer and fasting** are powerful tools when we are trying to help others and stay close to God.

This lesson teaches us that even a tiny bit of real faith can do amazing things—**not because we are strong**, but because God is strong. When we pray and trust in God, He helps us with whatever we are **facing**.

Family Homework

Plant a Seed Together: Plant a mustard seed or any small seed and watch it grow over time as a reminder that faith grows, too.

Faith Jar: Each day, write something you are trusting God for and place it in a jar. At the end of the week, open the notes and pray over them.

Memory Verse

"If you have faith as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you." – Matthew 17:20

CRAFT - Wildflower Seed Bomb

MATERIALS:

- Leftover construction paper (any colors)
- Bowl of water
- Wildflower seeds (choose native varieties)
- Blender or food processor (ask an adult for help)
- Strainer or colander
- Spoon
- Towel or old dishcloth



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Tear the Paper** – Rip the construction paper into small pieces (about 1-inch squares).
2. **Soak** – Put the paper pieces in a bowl of water and let them soak for 30 minutes (or longer if you want extra soft pulp).
3. **Blend into Pulp** – With an adult's help, blend the soaked paper and water until it's mushy like oatmeal.
4. **Drain** – Pour the pulp into a strainer to remove extra water, but keep it damp.
5. **Mix in Seeds** – Add your wildflower seeds and gently stir so you don't crush them.
6. **Shape** – Take a spoonful of the pulp, squeeze out extra water, and roll into balls or press into fun shapes with your hands.
7. **Dry** – Place them on a towel in a sunny spot for 24–48 hours until completely dry.

The seed bomb reminds us that God can take the smallest acts of kindness, faith, or love, and make them grow into something far greater than we can imagine.



DISCUSSION PROMPT

What are some 'mountains' (challenges or worries) that we can ask Jesus to help with?"

SAINT STORIES

THE HOLY PROPHET SAMUEL

Samuel lived a very long time ago, before Jesus was born. Even before he was born, Samuel's life was a gift from God. His mother, Hannah, prayed for a child, promising that if God gave her a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord. God heard her prayer, and when Samuel was just a little boy, she brought him to live in the temple to serve God.

When Samuel was young, he heard someone calling his name: **"Samuel! Samuel!"** Samuel thought it was the priest but it was actually God speaking to him! Samuel listened, and from then on, he followed God's instructions his whole life. Samuel grew up to be a great prophet. He helped guide the Israelites and even anointed the first two kings of Israel: King Saul and King David. Samuel always reminded the people to love and obey God.

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