

The Canaanite Woman's Faith

Bible story: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Questions to ask:

What is the most interesting part of this story to you?

How do you think the Canaanite woman might have come to have faith in God?

What do you think the woman did after Jesus healed her daughter? When have you experienced mercy? When have you shown mercy?

Why is this important?

Kids have experienced what it's like to be left out. People are good at drawing lines between who is acceptable and who is not. Even Jesus, in this story, has trouble seeing beyond his own people. This story shows that those boundaries and dividing lines can be erased by relationships of mutual recognition, and by mercy.

Interactive Lesson:

What you need: Strips of paper

Before class, hide strips of paper around the room with the word "Faith" written on them. Have your child(ren) go around the room and find the hidden papers. When the game is finished, remind students that we all need to have faith, just like the Canaanite woman did, if we want Jesus to help us.

Art Ideas:

Canaanite woman coloring page (free printables on google)



Faith necklace:

