

Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that

person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



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Answer to Word-Find: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

The Kids' Bulletin

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What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!

Saint Gabriel Possenti

February 27

FRANCIS POSSENTI WAS BORN IN 1838 TO A LARGE FAMILY IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND HIS MOTHER DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 4.

FRANCIS WAS A FUN FRIEND. HE JOKED, DANCED AND LIKED TO HUNT.

SEVERAL TIMES WHEN HE WAS IN DANGER HE PROMISED TO BECOME A RELIGIOUS IF HE WAS SAVED.

KEEP YOUR PROMISE!

BUT HE FORGOT UNTIL ONE DAY A PICTURE OF OUR LADY REMINDED HIM.

HE JOINED THE PASSIONISTS AND TOOK THE NAME GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS.

GABRIEL STUDIED TO BECOME A PRIEST, AND DID EVERYTHING CHEERFULLY FOR GOD.

HOWEVER, BROTHER GABRIEL SOON BECAME SICK, AND HE DIED AT AGE 24, BEFORE HE COULD BECOME A PRIEST.

WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. ALSO, WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL.

David and King Saul Word-Find

S O L D I E R S L H O H
 T S O I V E D A V I D U
 A L N S W A S U M M Y R
 R E G R K I L L E D K T
 T E W A R R I O R W I I
 E P L E C O U R C E N N
 D I O L H U N T I N G G
 E N V I O U S E F T O A
 A G E T S N F O U N D W
 G E D E E M R U L E R A
 O I N S T E A D I E S Y

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.


