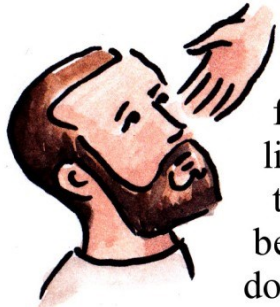




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# Jesus Gives the Gift of Hearing



Being able to hear is a wonderful gift from God. Imagine what it would be like if you couldn't hear anything! In today's Gospel reading, the people begged Jesus to heal a deaf man. What do you think it was like for that man when suddenly he could hear everything that was going on around him?

God has given us the gift of hearing to be able to talk with and listen to other people, and to appreciate the sounds of creation. We use this gift to hear God's Word at Mass and when we are being taught.

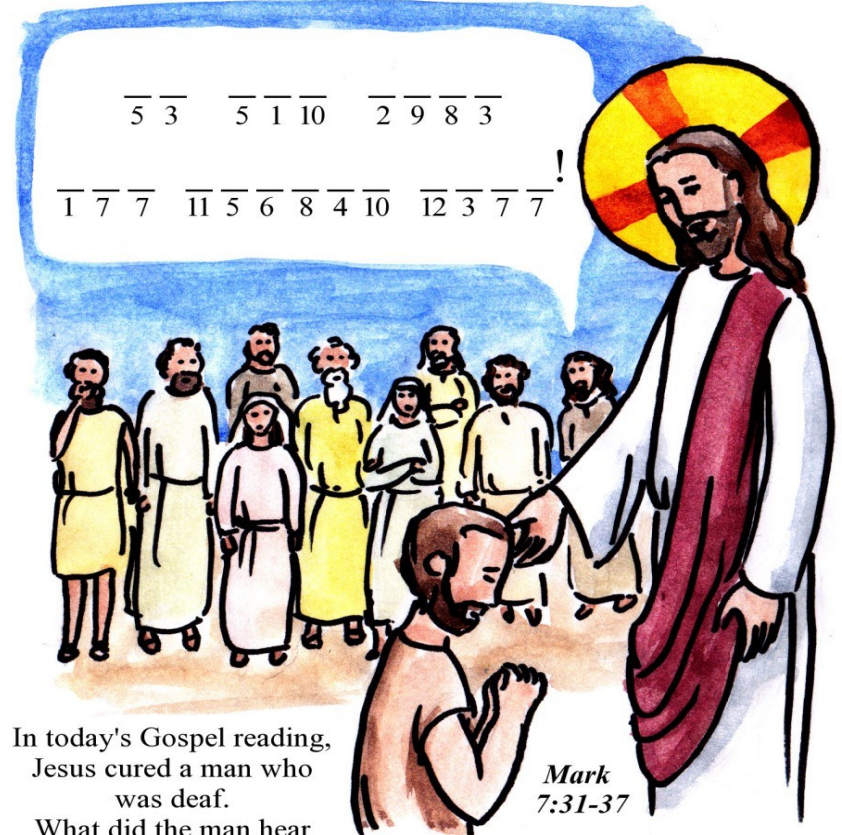


Think of all the things that we can do because we can hear: we can listen to and play music, we can sing and talk with people, we can hear birds and wind in the trees, and we can also be warned of things like barking dogs, or cars coming. Did you ever thank God for the gift of hearing? Thank Him today!



Answer to front page: He has done all things well!  
Answer to Our Lady's Birthday Word-Find:  
Happy Birthday Mary!

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In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured a man who was deaf. What did the man hear people saying when he could hear again?

Mark  
7:31-37

Use the number code below to find the answer!

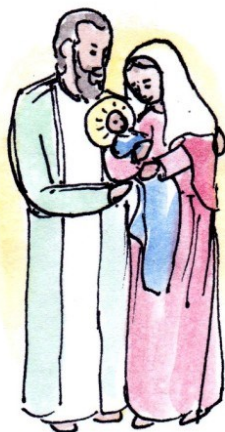
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# Our Lady's Birthday

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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



On September 8th we celebrate Mary's BIRTHDAY. She was CHOSEN by God to be the MOTHER of JESUS before she was even BORN. To PREPARE Mary to receive His SON, God made her PURE and WITHOUT SIN right from the first moment of her life.

JOACHIM and ANN were HOLY JEWS who were WAITING for the MESSIAH to come. God chose them to be the FATHER and mother of MARY, who would become the mother of CHRIST.



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Did you know that today is the birthday of Mary the Mother of Jesus? We sometimes call Her Our Lady or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or even Mother Mary. Can you colour in her birthday cake? When you go home you might sing Happy Birthday to her and say a special prayer to her.

