



FAMILY WORSHIP

Jesus heals a deaf and mute man

Mark 7:31-37

17th May 2020



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For today's Bible reading, Mark 7:31-37, [please click here](#)

Think it through

Imagine being deaf in a world without sign language, hearing aids or even the ability to use the written word for communication. In Bible times, people with hearing impairments were separated from society and unable to get a job, it was completely different from today's world. Life for them was always lonely and isolating. The deaf man with a serious speech impediment had friends who cared about him. We know this because they spoke for him when they brought him to Jesus and begged for healing. Jesus drew the man aside so the two of them could be alone. Though this man had spent his life cut off from human communication, Jesus was able to speak to him directly—through touch. In that one moment everything changed. Jesus put his fingers into those unhearing ears. Then he spit on his hands and touched the man's wordless tongue. With a gentle sigh—a prayer of profound empathy and compassion— Jesus spoke the words “Be opened!” Instantly, everything was made right.

What do you think your first words be if, as an adult, you could suddenly and miraculously hear and speak for the very first time? We can only wonder what this man said first, but we do know what his community declared about Jesus: “Everything he does is wonderful.” The truth is that Jesus has the power to heal, the power to make what's wrong right, and the power to make what's broken whole.

It can be easy to forget that Jesus is still in the miracle business today—so we may overlook asking for his help. This week, join the crowd, begging desperately from the heart on the deaf and mute man's behalf, boldly asking Jesus for healing, who will ask Jesus to heal?

Talk about speaking, think about:

- When was the last time you used your voice to be kind?
- To talk about Jesus?
- To correct something that was wrong?
- To defend the truth?
- How would you communicate if you could not speak or hear?



Pray it through

Pray that God will use your voice for freedom. For hope. For truth. Ask to know when to speak and when to stay silent. Ask for the courage to be bold in telling others about God.

READING LIPS: Write the following words on separate pieces of paper: heal; deaf; fingers; spit; be opened; tongue; speak; man. Take turns to pick a word from the list used in today's Bible story and mouth the word for the rest of the family to figure out what they say.

If this is too difficult, take turns to make signs to make up signs for the word and guess it, like charades.

SPEECH BUBBLES: Thinking about today's Bible story, what should be written in each speech and thought bubble.

Jesus Heals the Deaf Man

Fill in The Bubble Activity Sheet

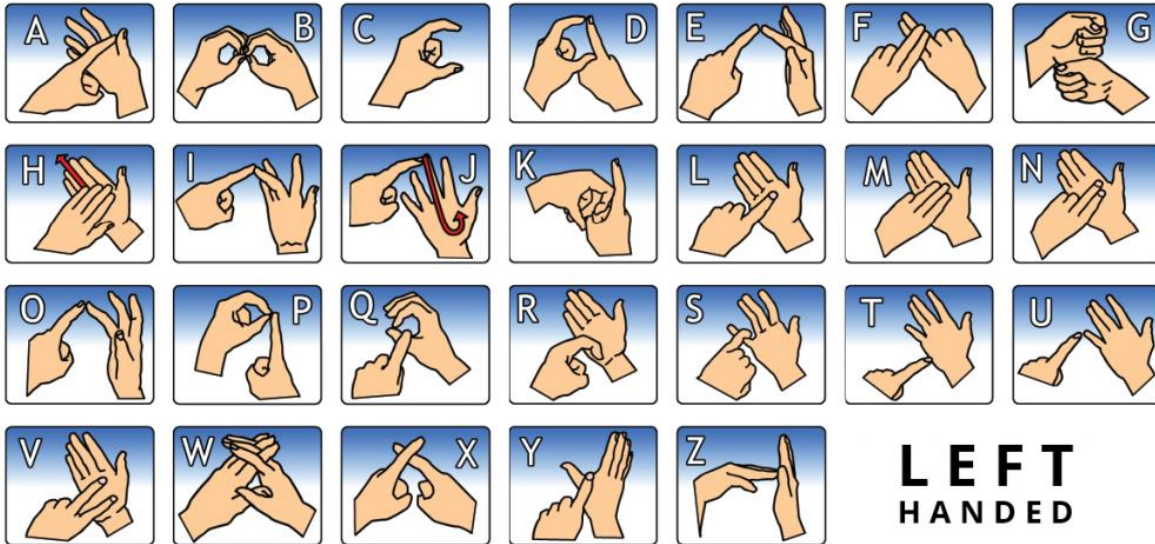
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LEARN TO SIGN: Use the Sign Language fingerspelling help card below to sign:

They were completely amazed and said, "Everything he does is good!" Mark 7:37

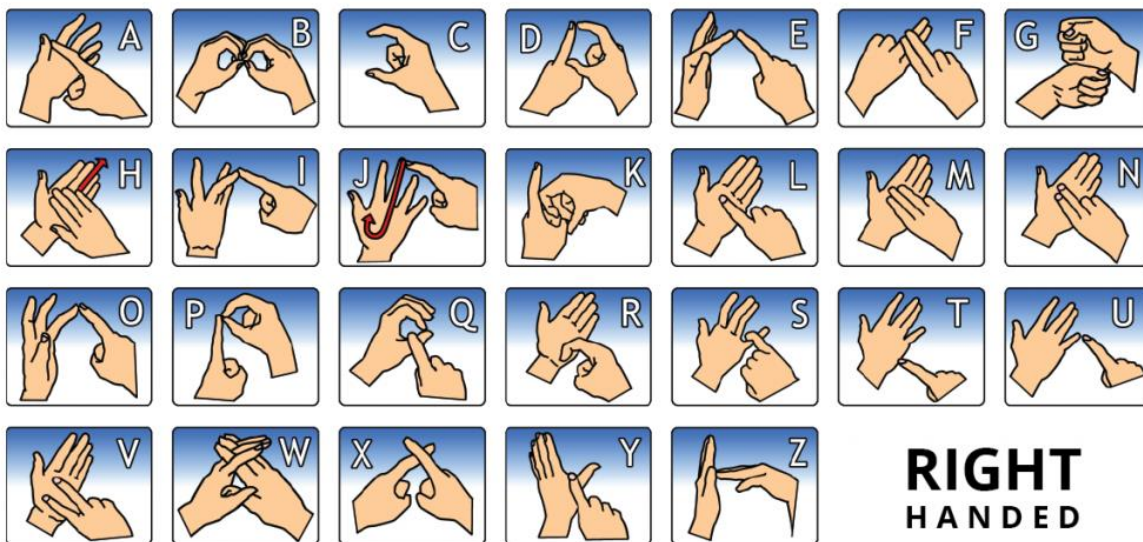
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He does all things well!

"Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."
Mark 7:37b (NLT)

Based on Mark 7:31-37



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

EARS

OPENED

TOUCHED

LOOSED

SPEAK

SPIT

MAN

MUTE

FINGER

HEAL

JESUS

DEAF

TONGUE

TALK

HAND

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