

JESUS HEALS A SICK BOY

At that time, a man came to Jesus. He kneeled before Him and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son! He needs to be healed. He has an illness that makes him act strangely. Sometimes he throws himself into water, and sometimes into fire. Your disciples could not heal him."

Jesus said, "Bring him here to me." Jesus commanded the demon to come out of the boy. The boy was healed instantly.

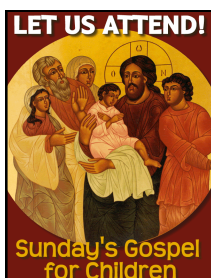
The disciples later asked, "Why couldn't we cast it out?" Jesus explained, "Because you have no faith. If you had even a little faith, you could move this mountain. But for this kind of healing you also need to pray and fast."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Can you find the father in the icon? What is he doing?
2. Where is the boy? The black shape above the boy is telling us that the boy was sick and could not control himself.
3. Who healed the boy?
4. Jesus wants us to stay close with him, through prayer and fasting.



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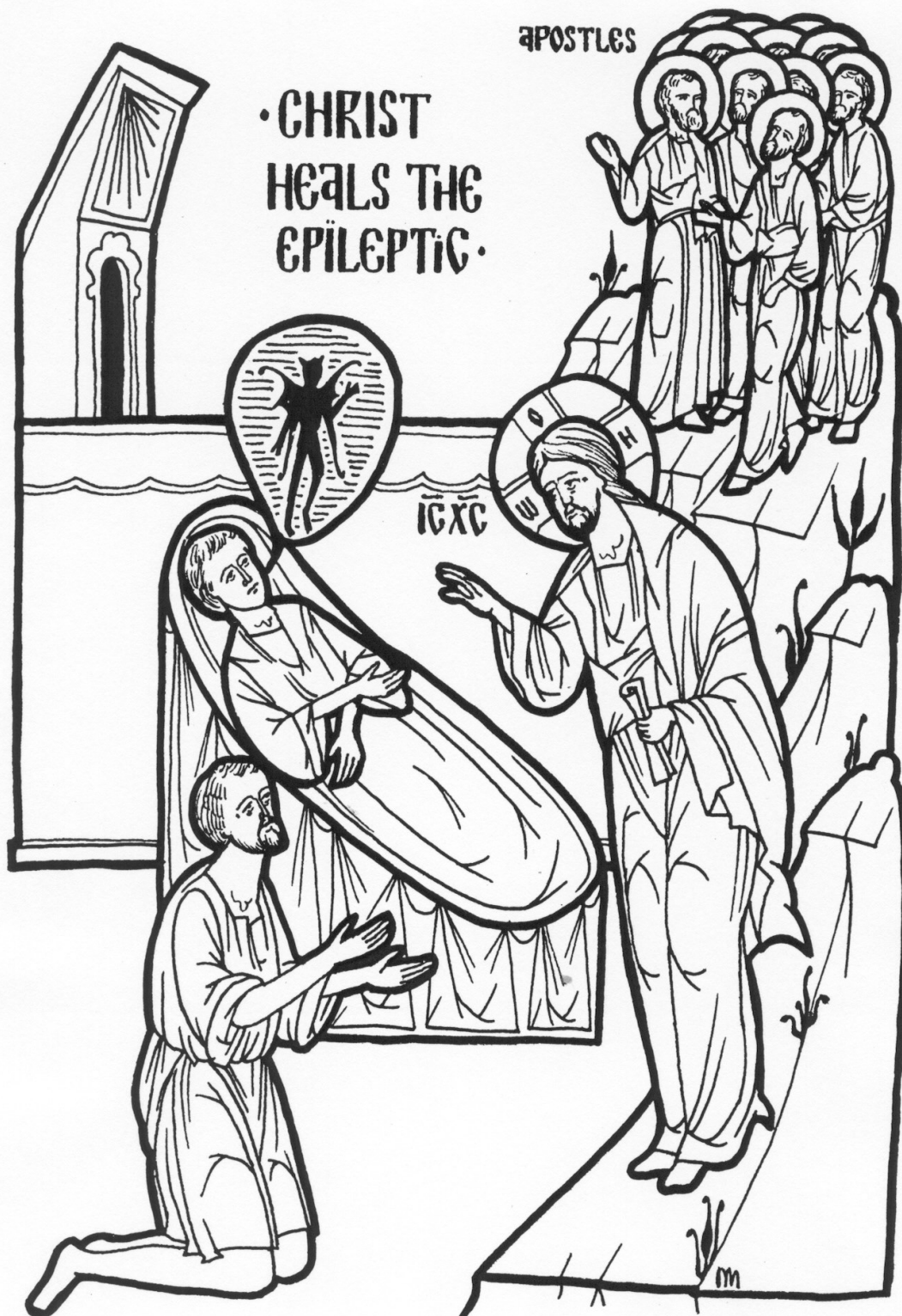
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One day, a man came to our Lord Jesus Christ. He knelt before Him and said, “Lord please have mercy on my son. He has a sickness that hurts him. Sometimes he falls into the fire, and sometimes he falls into the water. I took him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.”

Jesus said, “Oh, you people with not much faith! How long do I have to put up with you? Bring him here to me.”

Then Jesus spoke sharply to the demon in the boy and it came out of him. The boy was better right away!

Later, the disciples asked Jesus, “Why couldn’t we cast that demon out of the boy?”

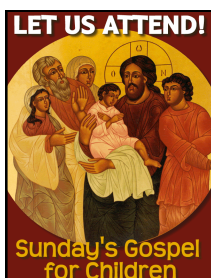
Jesus said, “Because you have no faith. But if you have faith—even a tiny bit—you can even tell a mountain to move, and it will! With faith, you can do anything.”



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Can you find the father in the icon? What is he doing?
2. Where is the boy? The black shape above the boy is telling us that the boy was sick and could not control himself. He was an epileptic.
3. People who suffer from epilepsy have seizures.
4. Who healed the boy? How did He do it?
5. Jesus wants us to stay close with him, through prayer and fasting. They help our faith get stronger. When we have strong faith, God can use us to do big things for Him.
6. When do you pray? When do you fast?



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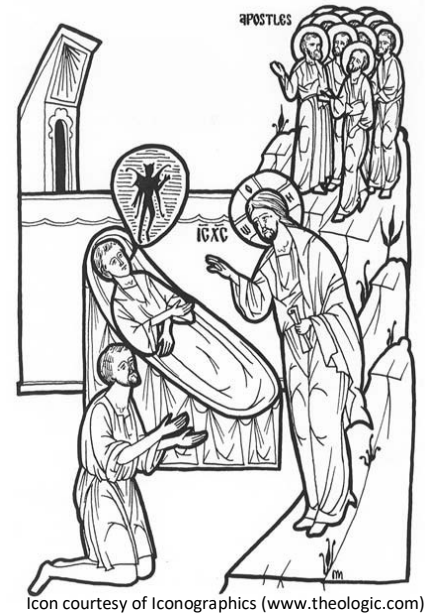
At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.”

And Jesus answered, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them,

“Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith, even as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.”

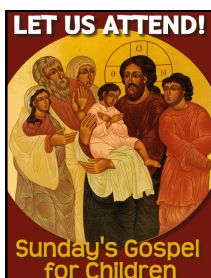
As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.”



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who needs to be cured in this gospel? Who do you know that needs healing?
2. What is causing the boy in this gospel to suffer? What is causing your friend's suffering?
3. When does Jesus heal the boy?
4. Where does the man go to get help for his son?
5. Where could you go to get help for your friend?



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Characters: Narrator, Man, Jesus, Disciples

Narrator: At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said,

Man: Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.

Narrator: And Jesus answered,

Jesus: O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.

Narrator: And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.

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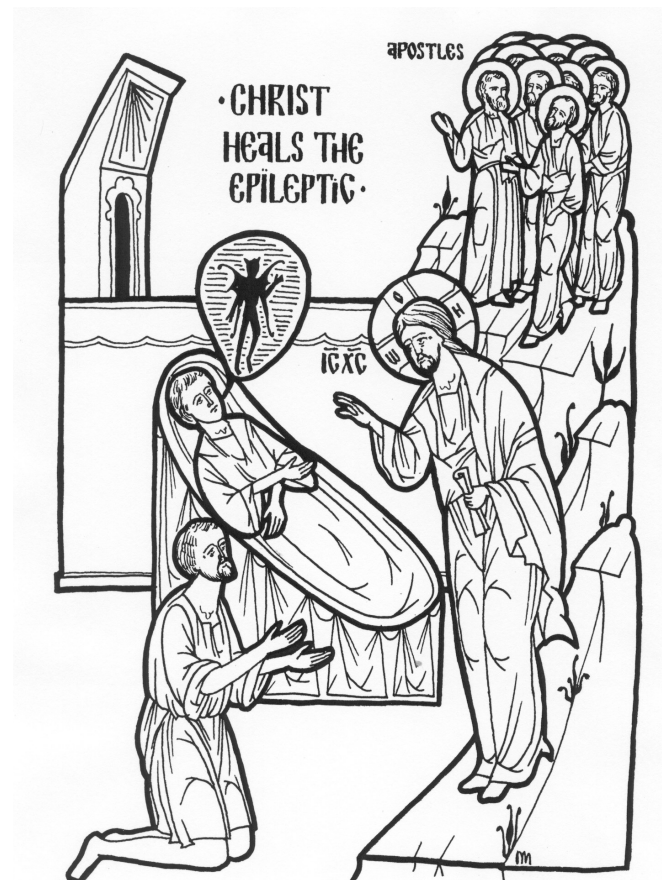
Disciples: Why could we not cast it out?

Narrator: He said to them,

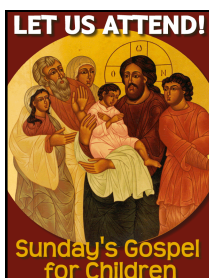
Jesus: Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith, even as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.

Narrator: As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them,

Jesus: The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day.



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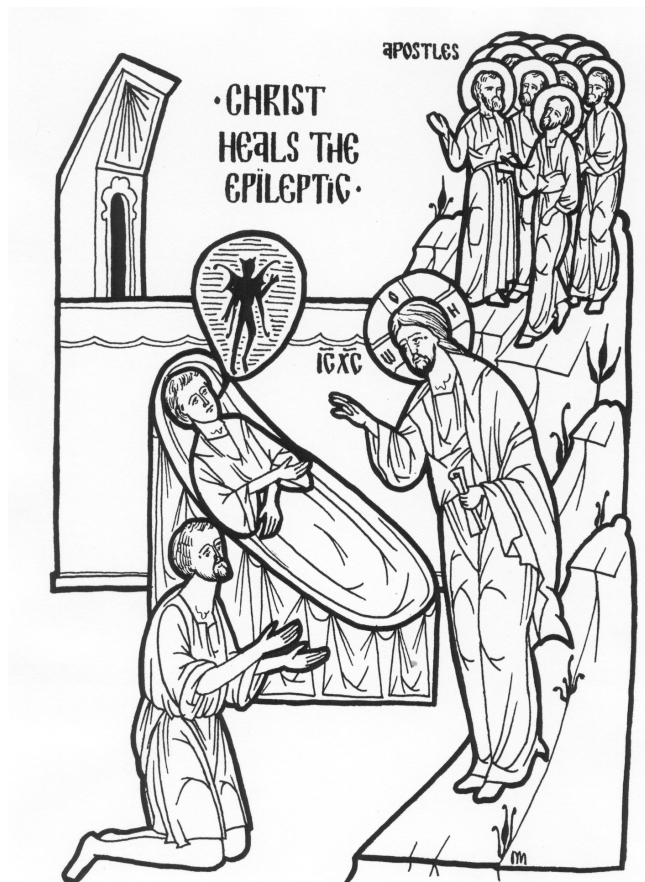
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A FATHER'S PLEA

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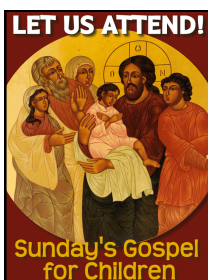
kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting."

As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The

Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who could not cure the boy?
2. Why could they not cure the boy?
3. What does this say about faith?
4. Do you think there are different degrees of faith? If so, what can we do to increase our faith?
5. What mountain did the father in this gospel ask Jesus to move?
6. What mountain could you ask Jesus to move?



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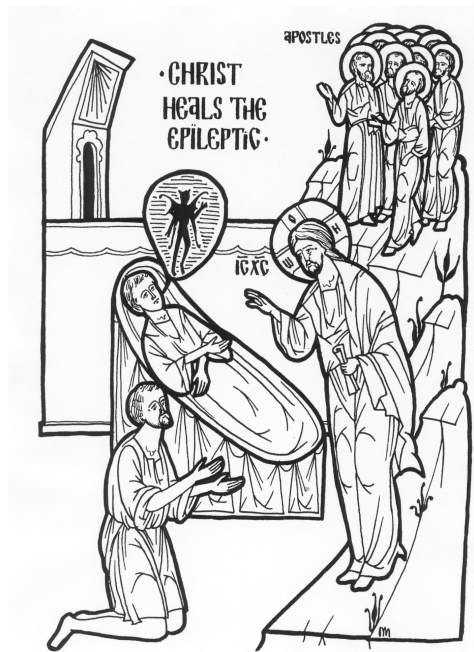
CHRIST HEALS THE BOY WITH EPILEPSY

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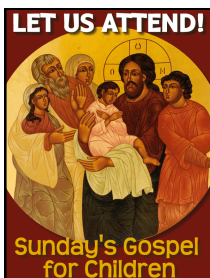
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What does the father in this gospel say to Jesus?
2. What is causing his son's suffering?
3. What kinds of suffering do we ask for God's mercy on during the litany's in a service?
4. In these prayers, are we asking God to relieve our own suffering, the suffering of others, or both? Why do you think we pray for so many kinds of suffering?
5. Who do you know who is suffering?
6. What prayer can you offer to God for them?
7. Why do you think "Lord have mercy" is the primary prayer of our church?



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