

Crumbs from the Table

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Theme When we sit at the Master's feet, we will be fed.

Object A picture of a dog. (You could use a real dog, if well-behaved.)

Scripture The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Matthew 15:26-27 (NIV)

Do we have a dog? What would we feed our dog? Canned dog food? Dry dog food? Would we ever feed him scraps from the table? Most veterinarians say that you should not feed your dog table scraps. Why? They say that table scraps are not intended for dogs and may not provide what a dog needs. That may be true, but just try to convince a dog of that as they sit by the table watching you enjoy a juicy steak. Maybe the meal was not intended for him, but that doesn't keep him from sitting by the table, begging for a little scrap, hoping that just one small bite might fall on the floor for him. Keep that picture in your mind as you listen to our Bible lesson today.

When Jesus came to earth, he came to preach and teach first to the Jews. That does not mean that He didn't love the other people of the world, but the first priority in his ministry on earth was to bring God's chosen ones to repentance.

When other people saw Jesus healing the sick and lame, they followed him wherever he went. One day there was a woman from Canaan who came to Jesus and asked him to heal her daughter. Jesus explained to the woman that his first mission on earth was to preach to the people of Israel.

The woman refused to give up. She came closer, knelt down, and begged, "Please help me, Lord!"

Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."

The woman answered Jesus and said, "Lord, that's true, but even dogs get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."

Jesus was so touched by the faith of that woman that he told her that because of her faith, her daughter would be healed.

Even though Jesus came first to the Jew, he loved us so much that he shared his love with all of us. I guess we are a little bit like the dog -- even though the meal was not prepared especially for us, it doesn't keep us from enjoying it. We gladly sit at our Master's feet and thankfully receive whatever crumbs might fall from the table.

Dear Father, thank you for loving us so much that you shared your Son with the whole world, so that through him we could be saved. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Power to Heal
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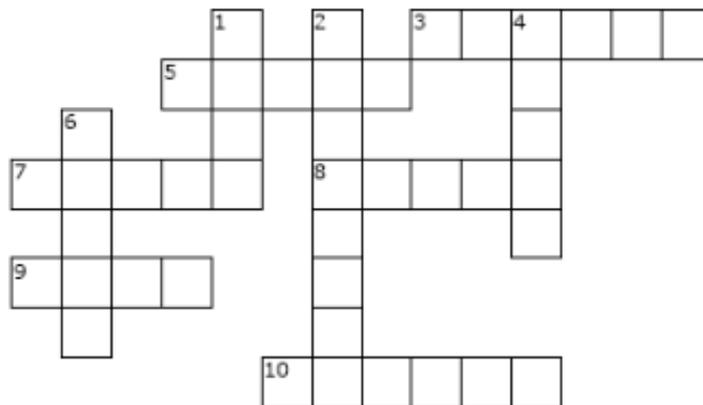
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Crossword

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Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To experience physical or mental pain
5. An adult female human being
7. The Son of God
8. An very large amount of something
9. Unable to be found
10. Small pieces of bread or cake

DOWN

1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
2. A female child in relation to her parents
4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
6. An evil spirit

JESUS	DAUGHTER	SUFFER	CRUMBS	DEMON
WOMAN	GREAT	FAITH	DOGS	LOST

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Fill in the Blank

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Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



1. A _____ woman came to Jesus and asked him for help.
2. The woman begged Jesus to have _____ on her.
3. The woman told Jesus that her daughter was possessed by a _____.
4. The _____ asked Jesus to send the woman away.
5. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost _____ of Israel."
6. The woman continued to _____, "Lord, help me."
7. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's food and toss it to their _____."
8. "Even the dogs eat _____ that fall from the master's table" the woman answered.
9. Jesus saw that the woman had great _____.
10. Because the woman had great faith, Jesus _____ her daughter.

Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

healed	crumbs	Canaanite	sheep	faith
dogs	plead	demon	disciples	mercy

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Multiple Choice

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. An adult female human being
A. girl B. demon C. woman D. daughter
- ___ 2. A female child in relation to her parents
A. dog B. daughter C. demon D. woman
- ___ 3. To experience physical or mental pain
A. lost B. worry C. faith D. suffer
- ___ 4. An evil spirit
A. woman B. lost C. demon D. daughter
- ___ 5. The Son of God
A. Matthew B. Jesus C. Joseph D. James
- ___ 6. Unable to be found
A. sick B. suffer C. demon D. lost
- ___ 7. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
A. dogs B. cats C. frogs D. camels
- ___ 8. Small pieces of bread or cake
A. food B. crumbs C. crackers D. leftovers
- ___ 9. An very large amount of something
A. small B. great C. medium D. tiny
- ___ 10. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
A. help B. great C. cry D. faith

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Word Search

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X I T D A U G H T E R Z T D G

HEALED
GREAT
DEMON
EAT

DAUGHTER
CRYING
HELP
FAITH

SHEEP
DOGS
TABLE
CRUMBS

FALL
LOST
ISRAEL
SUFFERING

MERCY
JESUS
WOMAN
KNELT