

## Jesus is for everyone!

Jesus is travelling; have you visited somewhere different during August? Jesus visits Tyre and Sidon which is near Galilee. He meets people of different nationalities, not just Jews but Gentiles and Greeks. Jesus doesn't ignore those people, he helps and heals them!

**J**esus travelled to a place called Tyre. When he arrived, he went to stay at a house, hoping that nobody had spotted him. But a Greek woman who heard that Jesus was there came in and knelt down in front of him. 'My daughter is very ill. Please will you make her better?' she pleaded.

Jesus was surprised, as this woman was a foreigner and a Gentile.✳ He asked her to wait. 'Please, Jesus, I know you can heal her,' she begged. And then Jesus knew that she really believed in him. 'Go,' he said. 'Your daughter has been healed.'

The woman returned home and there she found her daughter, lying on the bed, completely well.

After this, Jesus continued on his journey to Sidon, near the Sea of Galilee. While Jesus was there, a deaf man was brought to him. The man couldn't hear or speak properly and his friends begged Jesus to heal him. Jesus took the man away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears, then spat on his

fingers and placed them on the man's tongue! Looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said, 'Ephphatha,' which means 'Be opened.' Immediately, the man could hear and speak properly. The people were so excited that they wanted to tell everyone what Jesus had done. But Jesus ordered them to tell no one.✳ Yet, the more he asked the people to keep quiet, the more excited they became, and the more people they told.



Mark 7:24-37

✳ See Share the Word.

Jesus showed his love and concern for these people, he didn't ignore them as they were not Jews. What does this teach us? Do you agree that just as Jesus welcomed people, we need to welcome people at church?

For our craft activity today I want you to add features to this angel and write the words '**You are welcome to come to Trinity Church**' on the back. Then take the angel home and hang it somewhere, perhaps on a tree or a fence, where someone might find it... they might come to church because of your angel.