

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THIRD WEEK OF EPIPHANY

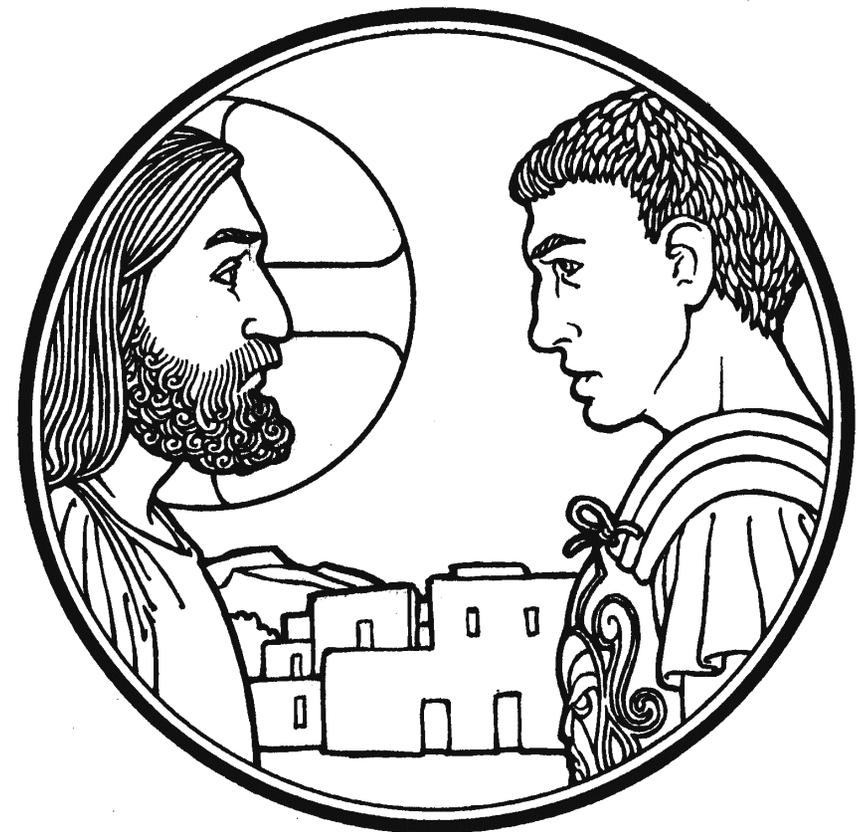
The color for the Third Week of Epiphany is green.



Epiphany
Jesus
centurion
miracle
Isaac
hunter

heal
cleansed
servant
compassion
Jacob
blessing

leper
Capernaum
paralyzed
Esau
birthright
escape



What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the part of the service when Jesus “heals” us from our sins. When does Jesus forgive our sins during the service? Who does God use to speak these words to us?

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:1-13

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. 2 And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 3 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

5 When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, 6 "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." 7 And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Did the man with leprosy believe Jesus could heal him?
- 2) What did Jesus say to him and what happened? What did Jesus tell him to do then?
- 3) What did the centurion ask Jesus to do? Why didn't he want Jesus to come to his house?
- 4) What did Jesus say about the centurion? What did Jesus do for the servant?
- 5) Jesus had compassion on these people who were ill and did miracles to heal their illnesses. What is the more important thing Jesus does for people, even if they might be ill? Does He save those who believe from their sins and give them eternal life?

People of the Bible: Esau

Esau was the son of Isaac and Rebekah. He had a twin brother named Jacob, but Esau was born first so he had the birthright of the firstborn son. At that time, the firstborn son would get most of his father's inheritance, which was the "birthright." Isaac also had the promise of God that the Savior would come from his descendants (family). Since Esau was born first, you might think Esau would receive this promise, but this isn't what happened. Esau was a hunter and prepared meat for his father, Isaac. His brother Jacob was not an outdoorsman like Esau. One day when Esau was returning from hunting, he saw his brother who offered him a deal. Jacob offered to give food to Esau who was very tired and hungry if Esau gave Jacob his birthright. Esau agreed, so Jacob received the special blessing from his father. However, Esau got very angry with Jacob for taking his birthright and wanted to kill him so Jacob had to escape. Esau got married to women who were not part of Abraham's descendants, which made his family very disappointed in him. Esau did this to rebel against his family. Years later Esau once again saw his brother, Jacob, who had escaped Esau's anger. Esau was no longer mad at his brother, and they were once again reunited as brothers.

Hymn – "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.