



Preparing the Sunday Gospel—for February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Heals Many People and Teaches in Galilee

Proclaim: Mark 1:29-39

Questions/Process:

1. How do you think Simon felt when Jesus healed his mother-in-law? (vs. 29)
2. How do you think the people felt when they saw Jesus healing the sick and driving out demons (evil spirits)? (vs. 32-34)
3. What do you think this tells us about Jesus? (Various; he loves us; he has power over sickness and evil)
4. Why do you think Jesus got up early and went by himself to pray? (vs. 35)
5. What did Jesus say and

do after he prayed and Simon and others came looking for him? (vs. 36-39)

6. How do you think Jesus knew that he was supposed to go preach to others? (Various—through prayer to God the Father)
7. Explain: In order for Jesus to know what God the Father wanted, he had to listen to God in prayer. We need to listen, too.
8. Ask the children to close their eyes, be quiet, and listen. What do you hear Jesus telling you in this bible reading?
9. After some moments of silence, say the Sing of the Cross together and close by singing together: “God



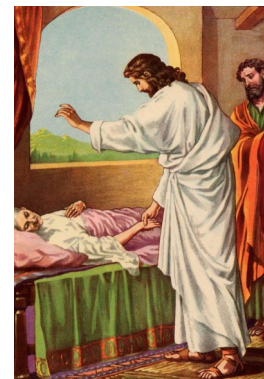
Is So Good” or other appropriate song:

God is so good.

God is so good.

God is so good.

He’s so good to us.



Very early the next morning, long before daylight, Jesus got up and left the house. He went out of town to a lonely place, where he prayed. But Jesus answered, “We must go on to the other villages around here. I have to preach in them also, because that is why I came.” -Mark 1:35, 38