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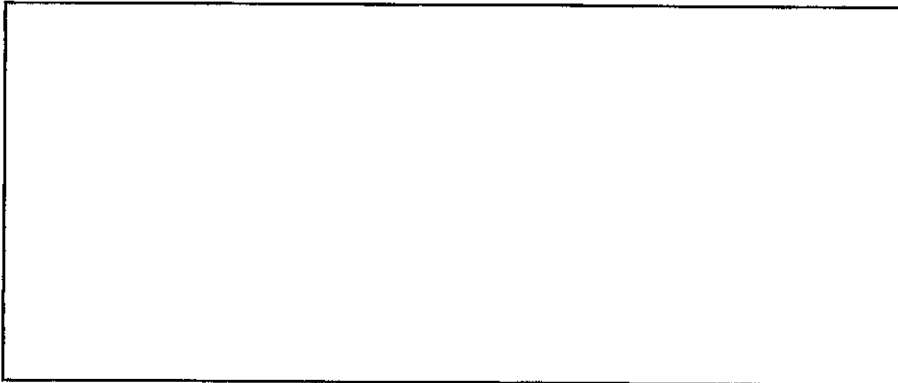
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Draw a picture of Pharaoh chasing the Israelites into the Red Sea



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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THIRD WEEK OF LENT (OCULI)

The phrase "Oculi" is from the Latin language. In English it means "eyes." This is the beginning word of the Psalm (also called Introit) in Latin this week. Look in your parent's service folder and read the Introit. The color for the Third Week of Lent is purple.



What to listen for during the service?

Look at the picture above. Where do we hear about this in the service? Why did the artist show the picture that way? What does it mean?

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:14-28

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

14 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," 16 while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; 22 but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. 23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

24 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' 25 And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" 28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did Jesus do for the man that was "mute" (he couldn't speak)?
- 2) How did Jesus' enemies say He did this?
- 3) Why was Jesus really able to cast out this demon?
- 4) The Bible talks about the devil as a strong man that had us locked up in his prison. Who is the stronger Man that sets us free? (see verses 21-22)
- 5) Jesus warns that an empty soul will soon be filled

with even more demons, but when the Holy Spirit fills us we are safe. How does the Holy Spirit fill us, what does He use? (see verse 28)

People of the Bible: Pharaoh

In the Old Testament reading we hear about Pharaoh. But who was Pharaoh? The word Pharaoh is given as the title of an Egyptian monarch, or ruler. During the time of Moses, this title was often used as a personal name. Pharaoh made the Israelites his slaves and was an evil ruler. Moses went to him and asked him to free the slaves, but Pharaoh refused. In the reading today we hear that the Lord brought plagues (something harmful or annoying) on the land of Pharaoh so Pharaoh would fear the Lord and release His people, the Israelites. Pharaoh was very stubborn and had a "hard heart" so he didn't want to release the slaves. Later Pharaoh finally gave in and released the slaves, but then changed his mind and went to capture them again. While he chased them, the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, which God had parted. Pharaoh followed them. Once the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea the water returned drowning Pharaoh's army.

Hymn of the Day - "Lord of Our Life"

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.
- 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,
O Lord, preserve us.
- 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;
And in the day when hell itself assails us,
Grant us Your peace, Lord:
- 4 Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,
Peace in Your heaven.