

**SEASON AFTER
PENTECOST, PROPER 5
MARK 3:20-35**

The scriptures for this Season after Pentecost all come from the Gospel of Mark. In today's Gospel, our story begins with the realization that the crowds around Jesus had become so big that the people could not even eat (presumably because it was too crowded). People were very interested in what he was saying, some thinking that his take on God and his ministry made him look crazy while others were drawn to his new kind of message.

WHO IS YOUR FAMILY

The Story

Jesus came home and there was a crowd gathered around him. They were asking so much from him that there was not even time for him to eat! His disciples and friends heard what was happening, and they went to rescue him from the crowd. They were worried that he was getting carried away with himself and his teaching. Some scholars from Jerusalem came there and were spreading rumors that he was using tricks and magic to impress them, and that his power was coming from the devil. He then said to them, "Listen carefully, whatever has been done by you in the past can be forgiven. But if you keep saying that my teachings are from the devil, then you are speaking against God's Holy Spirit. You are speaking against the one who forgives us, and that is God." As Jesus finished warning them about not dividing themselves, his mother and brothers showed up. They were standing outside and asked someone to tell Jesus that they were outside looking for him. Jesus said to the crowd, "Who do you think are my mother and my brothers?" He looked around him, at all those who were surrounding him and said, "All of you, the people around me, you are my mother and my brothers. Those who follow me and my word and God's will are my brothers and sisters and mother."

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Why do you think there was a crowd around Jesus?**
- 2. I wonder what it felt like to be in that crowd?**
- 3. I wonder what who you call family?**
- 4. Are there close family friends that you call family?**

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Create your family tree using the attached image or by drawing one in your journal.**
- 2. Create a family photo frame.**
Directions attached
- 3. Take photos of your family members and post them on your social media site.**