

**TO HELP US STUDY**

1. When Jesus left Galilee, where did he go? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where did he try to hide? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who found out where Jesus was and came to him? \_\_\_\_\_ What was her problem?  
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4. What was this woman's race and nationality? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When she asked Jesus to help her little girl, Jesus said, "It is not \_\_\_\_\_ to take the children's \_\_\_\_\_ and toss it to their \_\_\_\_\_."
6. In simple words, what did he mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. The woman answered, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What did she mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Did Jesus like what she said? \_\_\_\_\_ What did he do for her? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How can we be like this woman? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TO HELP US REMEMBER:** *Young ones*—Matthew 15:27, "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."  
*Older ones*—Matthew 15:25-28, through "you have great faith!"

**TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT**

Why did Jesus at first refuse to help this woman? Did he share the racial prejudice of the Jews toward Gentiles? Find Dr. Elton Trueblood's book, *The Humor of Christ*, and read what he suggests about this text. (Tip: Most local libraries can get the book on loan if they don't have it.)

**TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS**

The meaning of this story depends on Christ's reason for refusing to help this woman, so you may want to spend some time on the teen assignment before launching into a study session with your children. What did Jesus mean when he referred to the woman as a "dog"? Doesn't this seem out of character for Jesus?

Does it help us to grasp Jesus' meaning if we remember the apostle Paul's motto: "To the Jews first, and also to the Greeks"?

Let's be sure our children see this woman's incredible humility before the Lord. In a striking way she admitted her complete dependence on the Master. When we realize that we depend on him just as much, then his blessings can be ours as well.

**FOR ADULT STUDY:** Prv 15:33; Isa 57:15; Mt 8:8; Lk 14:10; 18:13; Jn 3:30; Rom 12:3; Gal 6:14; Jas 4:6.