

JESUS HEALS THE MAN'S EARS AND TONGUE

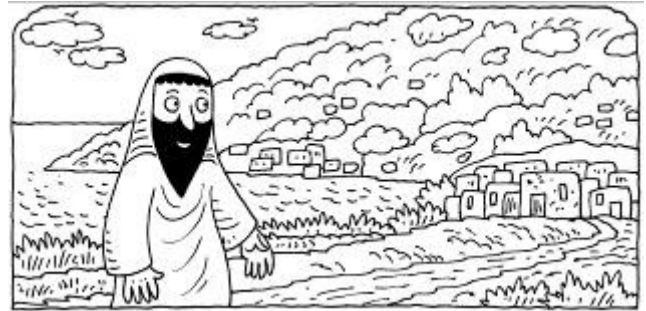
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There was a man in Galilee who could not hear. No one could understand him, either, because he couldn't form sounds with his tongue. It could not move much.



Jesus left the towns of Tyre and Sidon and went further along the coast, until he arrived at Galilee, the town where the man lived.



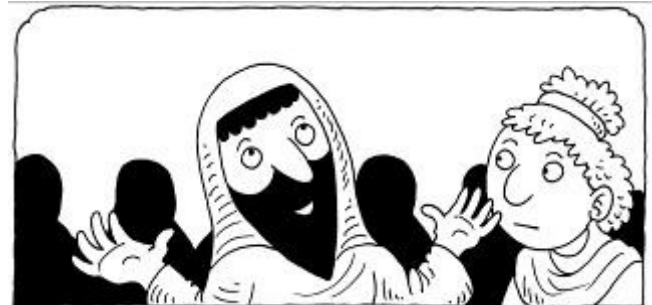
Crowds soon heard that Jesus was in their town. They brought the deaf man to Jesus and begged him to make the man well.



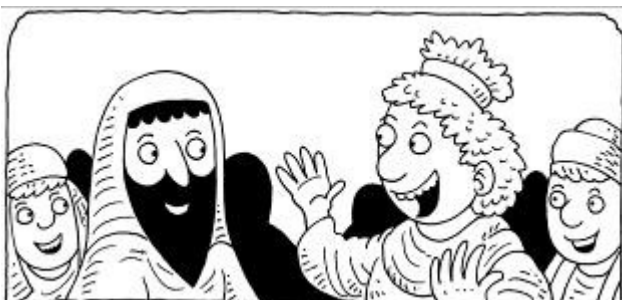
He could not hear, or speak, properly. Jesus took the man away from the crowd and put his fingers into the man's ears.



Then he touched the man's tongue. The man couldn't move it to talk, so people did not know what he was trying to say.



Jesus looked up to heaven. Then he sighed and prayed, "Eph-pha-tha," he said in Hebrew, which means, "Be open."



Straight away the man could hear and the sinew under his tongue was free. The man could speak clearly!



News of the miracle spread fast. Everyone was amazed. "Jesus has completely healed this man," they said.