

He Does All Things Well



- Theme:** Jesus does everything to perfection. Proper 18 (23) Proper 18 (23) 15th Sunday after Pentecost Yr. B
- Object:** A soccer ball, a music book, a painting, or other objects representing activities that a person might do well.
- Scripture:** People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Mark 7:37 (NIV)

I have several different objects with me this morning. One of the things I brought is a soccer ball. How many of you would say you are a really good soccer player? Well, some of us may be very good soccer players, but some of us may not play very well at all.

Isn't this a beautiful painting? How many of you think you could paint a picture just as beautiful as this one? I wish that I could paint a picture as beautiful as this one, but I can't. The truth is, I really don't paint very well at all.

This is a music book. I hope you enjoy music. How many of you would say that you are a really good singer? Now, there may be some things that I can't do well, but that is one thing I think I can do pretty well.

All of us have some things that we can do very well, but none of us can do everything well, can we? I only know one person that does everything well. You probably know who that person is. His name is Jesus!

One day some people brought a man to Jesus who could not hear and could hardly talk. The people begged Jesus to heal their friend. The Bible tells us that Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears and touched his tongue. Then he called out, "Be opened!" As soon as Jesus spoke these words, the man's ears were opened and he could hear -- his tongue was loosed and he could speak. The people were amazed and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Then Jesus did something unusual, he told the people not to tell anyone what they had seen him do. Do you think they followed Jesus' instructions? No! They told everyone about this man who did everything well.

Jesus has done many great and wonderful things for you and me, but he didn't tell us not to tell anyone. In fact, he told us to tell everyone. Have you told anyone?

Dear Jesus, you do all things well. We thank you for all that you do for us each and every day. Amen.

SIGN GAME: Divide the children into two teams and let each team pick a slip of paper out of the teacher's basket that will have an item that one team can "sign" for the other team until they say the right answer. Continue to play with each team as time allows. Ideas for the teacher to write on the slips for ideas for the children such as - tree, boat, elephant, frog, fish, flower, mother, baby, or words from our lesson today, etc.

READING LIPS: Give the children an opportunity to say a word for the rest of the class to figure out what they said. If this is too easy, then children can be told they could try to have the class read their lips for 3 words, etc. Encourage children to use words from today's Bible story such as soccer ball, painting, music book, sick man, Bible, tongue, ears, etc.

JESUS POSTER: Let children cut out letters J-E-S-U-S and glue onto a piece of poster board or construction paper. Then the children can be shown how to write "JESUS DOES EVERYTHING WELL" on the J-E-S-U-S letters. Decorate the poster with glitter glue on the JESUS letters and around the border, etc.

TELL EVERYONE Door hanger: Divide the class into 2 teams. Each team will stand on either side of the classroom door. Connect two large poster boards with strong string and hang OVER the door. Give children supplies to write JESUS DOES EVERYTHING WELL... and each write words or draw pictures on their side of the board to write all the GREAT AND WONDERFUL things that JESUS does! Let the children change sides of the door to see what the other team drew!