



# Fearfully and Wonderfully Made News

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## Three Days (and senses!) down, Two to Go

We've considered touch, sight, and hearing so far this week - two more days, and senses, to go. God has indeed created us *fearfully and wonderfully!* So many ways we can interact with nature and with each other, all bringing us joy and pleasure in different ways. Did you ever thank God for all your senses?

*For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made.***

~ Psalm 139:13-14a

## SPECIAL OFFERING THIS WEEK

It's fun watching our big vase start to fill up with coins. Your children have fun putting their coins in and watching it grow. **Thank you for your generosity!** Don't forget that tomorrow is **dime day!** Let's see how full we can get that vase!

And again, remember that all the money our children donate will be matched by Pastor - so it will be doubled! Don't be nice to him! Make him pay! :- ) (He's happy to do so!) This will double the number of Bibles and Bible Story books we can help provide for the children of Ukraine who have lost so much in the war. They need the love and hope of Jesus so much! Now more than ever.

## Parents' Column

Did you know we never have enough time to do everything we want in VBS? We always run out of time and have to hurry. But we love spending this time with your children. Time is one of the most precious gifts you can give to your children. You don't have to be the perfect parent - just be with your children, listen to them, talk with them, play with them. That's what they really want and need. And it'll keep you young, too!



*Remember to bring **dimes**  
tomorrow!*

# Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

There are people with problems that we can see and know about, and some people whose problems are hidden - like the deaf man in our story today. Just looking at him, you wouldn't know anything was wrong. But Jesus knows. He can see what we cannot. So when this man's friends bring him to Jesus, Jesus indicates He knows what's wrong, and heals the man - instantly and fully! Suddenly he can both hear and speak.

Here's part of that story . . .

*Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. . . .*

~ Mark 7:31-35

We hear, too. There are so many sounds we take for granted. But imagine not being able to hear. What would you miss hearing the most? But here's another question: What's the most important thing you can hear? The answer is: The Word of God! For God's Word is what can help us not only now, but give us everlasting life. That's why we read God's Word so much in Vacation Bible School.



## HEARING

The sense we thought a little about today was **hearing**. This is a more important sense than we sometimes realize. For do you know how we learn how to speak? By hearing! We hear our parents speak to us as babies and imitate them. So if you can't hear, you can't speak. We're learning how all of our senses are separate but also work together. It's that way in church, too. There are things we see, things we hear, things we smell, things we touch, and things we taste! God comes to us through all our senses! How about that?

*What will tomorrow's sense be? There's only two left!*

## Noontime Prayer Service Tomorrow

Thanks for letting your child stay and help us with our Prayer Service on Tuesday. They did a great job helping Pastor. We'll do it again on Thursday. And remember, you can watch this and all our other livestreams on our YouTube channel - just go to [saint-athanasius.org](http://saint-athanasius.org) and click on the YouTube logo to go to our channel and watch!

