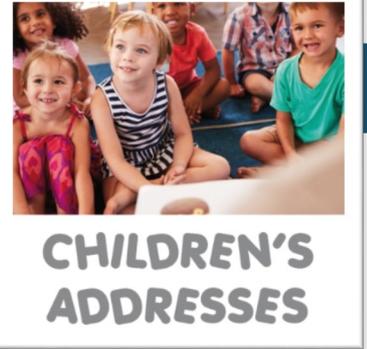


# SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 9B

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## MAIN POINT

**Having faith that God can do miracles**

## SCRIPTURE FOCUS

**He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:5-6**

## ADDRESS

**Have you ever met someone famous or a celebrity? Why are they famous?**

**What would you do if they walked in right now and sat down with you?**

e.g. go all shy, ask for their autograph, try and sit next to them?

**The Bible reading today talks about a time when Jesus returned to his hometown called Nazareth. He had been travelling all over the place – talking, performing miracles and healing people. He really was a celebrity in his time. In fact, when he came to people's villages, great crowds would gather, people would clamber over each other just to get near him. They really wanted to see him perform miracles. Some believed that just by touching his clothes they would be healed.**

**So what happened when he came to his hometown? Well, it was the opposite! They didn't see Jesus the same way others did. They remembered him as the ordinary little boy who grew up in their town. So, even though they'd heard he could perform miracles and heal people, they weren't sure he was that special.**

**Jesus was amazed because they didn't believe. So his friends and family missed out on something pretty special because they doubted the power God had given him.**

**Sometimes we might doubt the power of Jesus too but we have the Holy Spirit to help us believe and have faith. God is always faithful to us even when we find it hard to believe.**

## PRAYER

**Dear God, thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit so we can have faith in you. Help us to believe in you and see the wonderful and amazing things you do for us every day. Amen.**

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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