

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 July 2024 - Year B

"He summoned the Twelve, and sent them out."

Something to Think About

Imagine that you are an apostle of the 21st century, chosen by God for a mission. What do you think God's mission is for you? Think about the things you like doing and the things you can do well. This could give you a clue about God's mission for you!

The Story

Jesus called twelve apostles and sent them out on a mission. The word 'apostle' means 'one who is sent'. Jesus seems to be telling the disciples that there is no time to waste. The Kingdom is here amongst us and the time to start heading in a new and different direction is NOW!

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

6:7-13

Jesus called together his twelve apostles
and sent them out two by two with power over evil spirits.
He told them, "You may take along a walking stick.
But don't carry food or a travelling bag or any money.
It's all right to wear sandals,
but don't take along a change of clothes.

"When you are welcomed into a home,
stay there until you leave that town.
If any place won't welcome you or listen to your message,
leave and shake the dust from your feet as a warning to them."

The apostles left and started telling everyone to turn to God.
They forced out many demons and healed a lot of sick people
by putting olive oil on them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [Twelve Disciples Sent Out](#)



Group Discussion

In today's gospel story, Jesus urged the disciples to travel light! This is a good message for us also. Travelling light involves working out our priorities and sticking to them. Sit quietly and to reflect on the important things in life. Then record these on A4 size cardboard and add to the prayer focus as a reminder. Examples might include: listening, being honest, being helpful, laughing.

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray that our leaders will hear and follow the word of God. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who hear the word of God but decide not to follow it. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray that we will spend our time doing things that are important. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for ourselves and our families, that we will be loving and patient. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will be welcoming people. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Help us to share your message of
love and peace with others,
through our words and
through our actions.
Amen.

Group Activity

THE TIME IS NOW

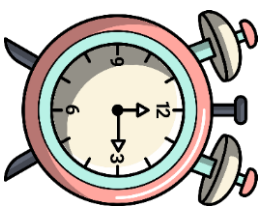
You will need: worksheet, crayons or coloured markers

None of us knows the future. The time to do good deeds is now!

1. Write or draw some good deeds you have done in the past week.
2. Now write or draw some good deeds you intend to do in the coming week.



Good Deeds I Did LAST Week



Good Deeds I Will Do THIS Week



SENT!

**JESUS BRINGS GOOD
NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE**

**THE DISCIPLES ARE SENT TO BRING
GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR**

WE ARE SENT!

HOW DO WE BRING THE
GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE
TO OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS?
