

I LIVE!

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of apostles, missionaries.
- > A rucksack, some money, anorak, sandals.
- > People shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News given to us by Mark.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus called together his twelve special friends, and sent them out, two by two. He told them to take nothing for the journey: no food; no haversack; no money in their wallets; not even a spare tunic; they were to wear sandals on their feet.

DISCUSSION

- Who were Jesus' friends?
 - Why do you think Jesus sent them out two by two?
 - What did Jesus say they should not take?
 - Why do you think Jesus said not to take these things?
- so that they would be really free.
 - Wouldn't they need some of these things?
 - not if they were staying with people who made them welcome.
 - What was to happen if they were not made welcome?

SHARING

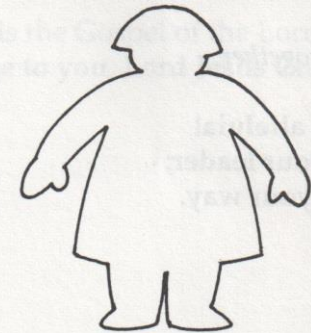
- What is the message Jesus brings us? - love.
- How is that message spread throughout the world?
- What should people do when they hear the message of Jesus?
 - turn away from their old life;
 - start to live a life of love.

Saint Francis of Assisi was one person who listened to Jesus' message, and changed his life. This is called Saint Francis' prayer:
Lord Jesus, where there is hatred let me be loving; where there is hurt let me be forgiving; where there is fighting let me bring peace; where there is sadness let me bring comfort and joy.

Jesus said to them, 'Stay in any house where you are made welcome. If you're not made welcome, and if the people refuse to listen to you, walk away from them, and shake the dust from your feet.'

So they set out two by two, as Jesus instructed them, teaching and preaching, helping the people and healing the sick.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



ACTIVITIES

- > Divide into groups of two.
- > The groups have to decide what they will do next week so that other people will say they are Good News.
- > Write or draw on the people shape cut-outs what it is they have decided to do in the coming week.

