

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
3 July, 2016
Luke 10:1-9

Catechist Background

By sending his disciples out before him to the places he planned to visit, Jesus could be said to be embarking on the equivalent of a first-century advertising campaign. In a world without hotels or B&B listings, most travellers were dependent on the hospitality of local people when they moved about through villages. With small close-knit communities under the influence of local elders, this would have been an effective way of spreading the message that the Kingdom of God is near. It is interesting that they are sent out in pairs. On one hand, they would be able to look after each other's safety and be a spiritual support for each other; on the other according to the rules laid out in Deuteronomy 19:15, two witnesses were required to give evidence in order for their statements to be regarded as official testimony in a court.

We Say Sorry

Leader: Lord Jesus, you give us your peace, Lord have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus you are our light and our guide, Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, your care for us is never ending, Lord have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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We Pray (1)

God, you have saved the world through Jesus. Help us to live like Jesus wants us to live and to be happy. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Reflecting on the Reading with Children

- When Jesus spoke about a harvest, he wasn't talking about beans or wheat. What was he talking about?
- What did Jesus ask his disciples to do?
- Why did Jesus send his disciples out two at a time?

Response

Divide the children into pairs. Instruct half of the pairs to act as disciples and half of them to act as households. Have the 'disciples' approach the 'households' and say, 'Peace be with you! The Kingdom of God is near!' Swap roles after a sufficient amount

of time. If your children are old enough to express themselves well, ask them how it felt to be wished peace by somebody else, and how it felt to be bringing peace.

We Believe

Relating to the creed what you have shared with the children, ask this series of questions and invite the children to reply, 'I do.'

- Do you believe in God the Father who sent his Son to us?
- Do you believe in Jesus, God's Son, who came to show us the Kingdom of God?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, who helps us to go out and continue Jesus' work?

We Pray (2)

Again, try to relate the bidding prayers to the reading by saying, 'We know you wish peace to the whole world and so we now pray...'

Leader: We pray for all missionaries and people who bring God's message to dangerous or far-off places. Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our elected officials, that they may use their power to make it easier for everybody to live out God's love. Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all people living in places where there is no peace. We especially pray for people in areas that are fighting wars. Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for anyone we know who is not feeling very peaceable at the moment. Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, help us to be messengers of your peace to the people we see every day. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

