

Year C - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:1-9

Your peace will rest upon that person.



The Lord chose seventy-two other followers and sent them out two by two to every town and village where he was about to go.

He said to them:

"A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers.

Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in.

Now go, but remember, I am sending you like lambs into a pack of wolves.

Don't take along a money bag or a travelling bag or sandals.

And don't waste time greeting people on the road.

"As soon as you enter a home, say, 'God bless this home with peace.'

If the people living there are peace-loving, your prayer for peace will bless them.

But if they are not peace-loving, your prayer will return to you.

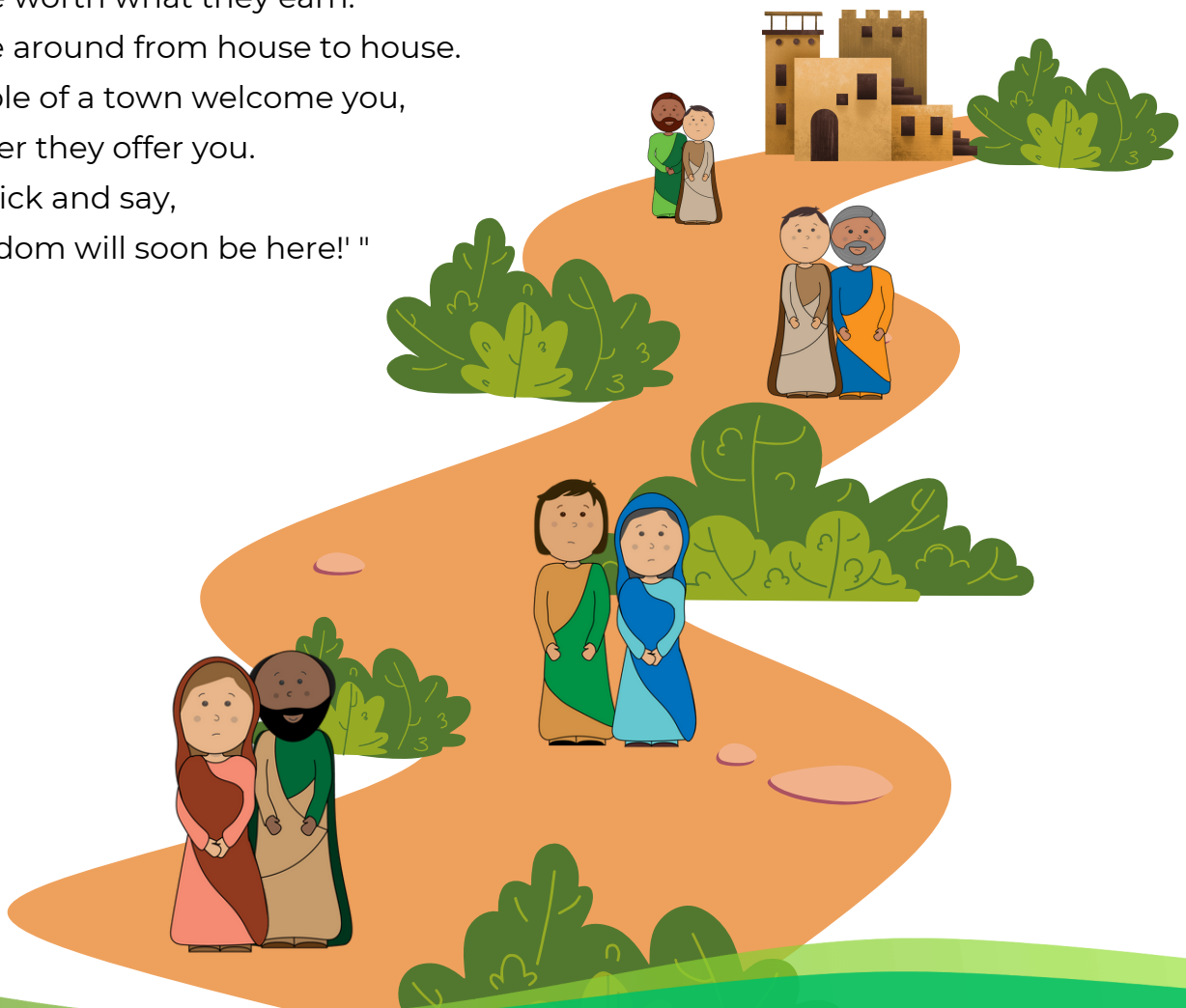
"Stay with the same family, eating and drinking whatever they give you, because workers are worth what they earn.

Don't move around from house to house.

"If the people of a town welcome you,
eat whatever they offer you.

Heal their sick and say,

'God's kingdom will soon be here!'"



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Will you help?



This message includes a simple illustration to break open the text. For this you will need something you can make a mess with. It could be lots of soft toys, balls, discs, anything really. Have the 'mess' already to go (or have fun with the kids making the mess), then gather the children together to begin the message.

Message When Jesus walked the earth, there wasn't shops like we have today. Most people were farmers, they would grow their own food or rear animals for food for their families and if there was anything left over they would take it to the market to trade with others. When we think of farms we might think of huge fields far away from the cities that need huge tractors and machinery to bring in all the crops. But in the time of Jesus, all of this was done by hand. And if you could bring in all the harvest in time, the crops would spoil and it will all go to waste.

At this point:

- Start by asking for a volunteer to help clean up the mess.
- Ask the volunteer to bring specific items from the mess (e.g., "Please bring all the yellow balls").
- While the volunteer works, talk to the group about how it's a big task for one person (e.g., "That's a big job for Jenny to do alone! She might not finish in time").
- Then, ask the volunteer to pick a friend to help. Ask the new helper to bring another set of items (e.g., "Joe, can you bring me all the red balls?").
- Discuss how teamwork is making the job easier but note that there's still more to do.
- Continue adding helpers until everything is cleaned up.

When Jesus says to us, the harvest is plenty but the labourers are few, he's asking for our help. Like Joe helped Jenny, Jesus wants us to help him. But the job he needs our help with is more important than tidying a mess or picking crops from a field.

Jesus wants our help in sharing his love with everyone.

Message

- What are the ways we can help share Jesus love?
- What is something you can do this week?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus wants your help?