

# Kids' Chronicle

## Jesus sends out 72 disciples

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Jesus was walking from one village to another with several of his friends. Occasionally, when they would stop for food or to rest, Jesus would strike up a conversation with some of the people he met along the way.

One man said to Jesus, "I would like to join your followers. I will go wherever you go, and I will never complain."

Jesus knew that the man was only bragging and did not really want to leave his comfortable home, so he said to the man, "The foxes have their dens, the birds have their nests, but the son of man does not have a home. There are days without rest, without food, without shelter."

"I wish you a good day," the man said. And he turned and walked away.

In another place and another time, Jesus said to another man, "Follow me."

"I must first bury my father," the man answered. "Then I will be able to follow you."

Many people whom Jesus called gave him reasons they could not follow right away. But there were many others who were willing to follow him. One day Jesus gathered together 72 of them.

Placing his hands on their shoulders, Jesus prayed, "May the grace of my Father go with you. The fields are ripe for picking, but there are only so many workers who are willing to bring the harvest in. Pray with me that more



Illustration by Linda Jeanne Rivers

people will be willing to do the work that is ahead of us."

Jesus continued to walk among the men who had volunteered to preach the message he had given them.

"Do not worry about having enough money or if your shoes are not sturdy or whether you will have enough to eat," Jesus said. "Into whatever house you enter, give a blessing of peace. Graciously accept the food and shelter that will be offered to you. It will be your payment for the services you bring. If you encounter people who are sick, heal them. Assure all

who you meet that the kingdom of God is near."

The men imitated Jesus and embraced each other as they prepared for their mission. They were a bit nervous, but they knew that God would indeed be with them at all times. And they knew that Jesus, himself, had sent them.

"Let there be no mistake about those who refuse to listen to you and do not accept you into their homes. If even the dust from their streets remains on your shoes, shake it off and promise them that the kingdom of God is near to them as well. Go in peace, my friends. Go with my blessing."

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### Q&A

1. Why didn't the first man really want to go with Jesus?
2. How did Jesus tell his friends to act when they were invited into someone's home?

### Bible Accent

A disciple of Jesus is someone who listens to his teachings and puts them into practice. Jesus chose 12 followers called the Apostles who were his closest friends while he was on the earth.

Jesus later chose other people to teach about God everywhere in the world. The early Christians traveled across the Roman Empire and into Asia, Europe and Africa.

Today, the influence of Christianity has reached all parts of the earth. The early Christians shared what they had with each other and they prayed that God would always guide and protect them. The example they followed was the life of Jesus. We should try to do as they did, live to bring Jesus to those who need him, love the Lord and love one another.

### St. Guy

St. Guy was also known as Guido Vignotelli, of the Italian village of Cortona. Born into a wealthy family around 1185, St. Guy followed the traditions of his parents and grandparents and became a prominent and influential citizen.

That all changed when a man named St. Francis of Assisi preached in Cortona in 1210. Impressed by the commitment and sincerity of St. Francis, St. Guy invited him into his home for supper. St. Guy asked if he could join the order St. Francis had established. After doing that, St. Guy sold many of his possessions and gave the money to the poor.

St. Guy earned a reputation as a generous and spiritual man, and there are many stories about miracles he performed. We remember him on June 16.

### Puzzle

Find the names of these followers of Jesus in the puzzle box: James, Peter, John, Thomas, Andrew, Paul, Luke, Barnabas, Stephen, Silas.

Answers on page 9.

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### Bible Trivia

What is the name of the Bible book that tells the stories of some of the early Christians after Jesus had returned to heaven?

Send Answer to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name, address and school name.

All entries must be received by July 2, 1998. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted.

Last month's winner was Anne Nicholson, a student at Holy Trinity School, Webster, who correctly the term used to refer to the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is the Holy Trinity.