

Kids' Chronicle

Jesus sends out 72 new disciples

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Jesus called 72 people that he knew would be faithful to him, and he told them to go in pairs to the different cities he planned to visit in the future. Jesus gave his new disciples some guidance before they left for their destinations.

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way. I am sending you like lambs among wolves."

The followers expected Jesus to send them home to pack their traveling clothes and other things they would need while they were away. But Jesus said, "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment."

The men and women looked at each other. They wondered what message Jesus wanted them to give, and what he wanted them to do for the people they met. As if he knew what they were thinking, Jesus said, "Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it, and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Listening to Jesus, they could not help but wonder what they should do if the towns did not receive them with welcome, and did not want to hear anything

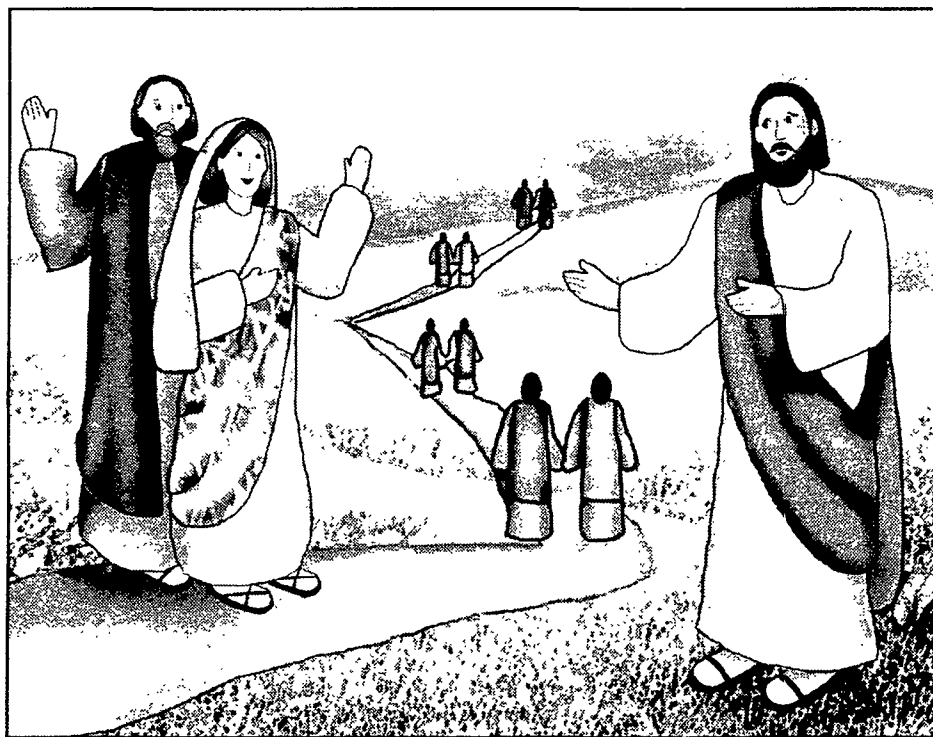


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they had to say.

Then Jesus said, "Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' I tell you it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

So they went on their way, the 72 followers of Jesus. In time they all returned, and they were rejoicing. "Even the

demons are subject to us because of your name," they told him.

"Behold I have given you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

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Luke 10

Q&A

1. What did Jesus say about the harvest and the laborers?
2. Why did Jesus say the disciples should rejoice?

Bible Accent

The Bible has been labeled so that finding specific verses will be easier. For example, John 3:16 means the Book of John, chapter 3, verse 16. Most Bibles are designed for easy reference and include a table of contents. Study Bibles include additional information about the church, the history of the Scriptures, geographical background and more. The two major divisions of the Bible are the Old Testament, which was written before the birth of Christ, and the New Testament, which is about the birth, life and teachings of Jesus, and the events that followed. The church has structured the readings of the Mass so that most of the Bible would be read during the Masses over a three-year period. These years (sometimes referred to as cycles) are named A, B and C.

St. Lutgardis

When St. Lutgardis was 12 years old in the early part of the 13th century, she was placed in a Benedictine convent. The money that would have paid for her marriage and served as a dowry had been lost in a bad investment made by her family.

She was happy at the convent, and she was able to live freely and receive visitors, but she showed no interest at first in joining the order. That is until the Lord appeared to her in a vision. He showed her his wounds and he asked her to pledge her love only to him. She agreed, and immediately became enthusiastic about her religious studies. She also spent much time in prayer, as if Jesus were a friend sitting next to her. God blessed her with gifts of healing and prophecy, as well as an ability to understand the mysteries of the Scriptures. When Lutgardis became blind later in her life, she considered it a blessing from God that she no longer had to view the visible world. We remember her on June 16.

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Puzzle

Answer the questions to fill in the hourglass. Answers on page 4.

1. Jesus _____
2. His name meant "rock". _____
3. _____ of the Apostles _____
4. the first woman _____
5. abbreviation for "New Testament" _____
6. This book comes just before Psalms. _____
7. He wrote the second Gospel. _____
8. He wrote many Psalms. _____
9. Jacob had this many sons. _____

Bible Trivia

Luke wrote one of the four Gospels. What does the word "Gospel" mean?

Send answer to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624. Please include your name, address and school name. All entries must be received by July 5, 2001. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted. The winner to the last trivia question was Cristina Dinella, a student at Taylor School, Spencerport. In answer to, "What is the word that means the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?", she wrote, "... the Holy Trinity."