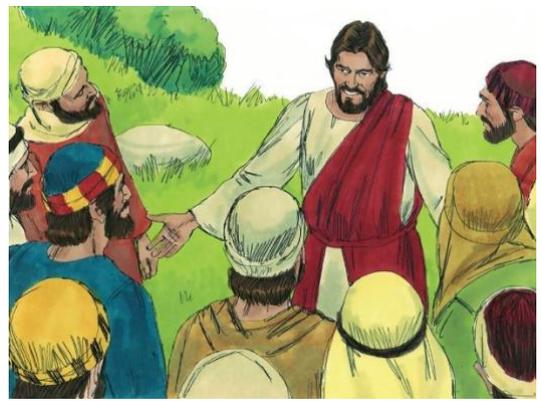


Church at Home for Abridge

14th June 2020

Activities for the whole family

Matthew 9: 35 -10: 1-16



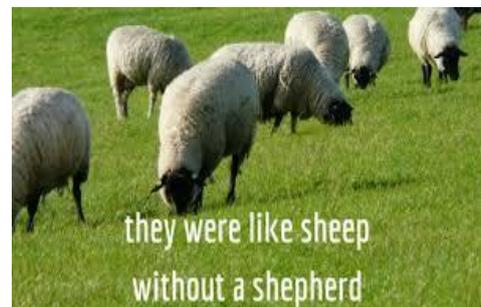
1. Last week we explored just how amazing God is – God the Creator made us, God the Son came to us, God the Holy Spirit lives in us. This is the Gospel that God wants us to share with the whole world. In today's story we read of Jesus sending his first disciples out to share this Good News. We are his disciples today and he sends us out too. Remind yourselves of who those first friends of Jesus were as listed in the reading with the following song:
2. [A song](#) about the 12 disciples
3. Here is today's [Bible story as a short video](#)
4. Twice in today's reading, Jesus describes people as 'sheep without a shepherd'. He longs to be that Shepherd to bring us all home safely. Jesus wants us to be like shepherds to bring our friends home to God where they will find healing, rescue, hope and love. Read the story slowly and out loud in your own Bible, and then together as grown-ups and children, wonder about the story with these questions:

What do you like best about this story?

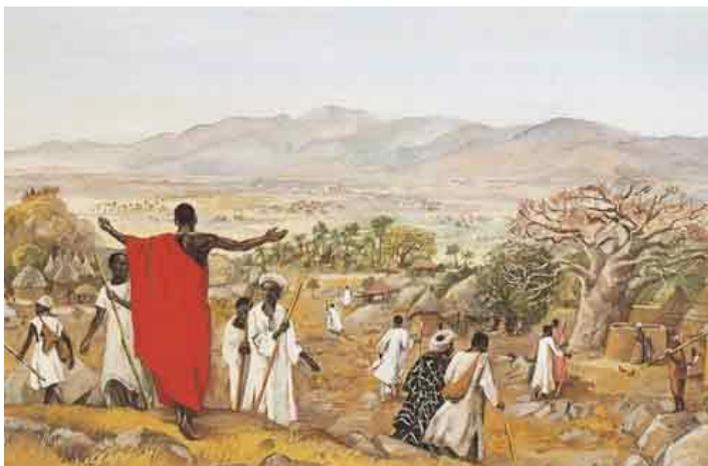
Which part is the most important part?

What is special about this story for you today?

What puzzles you about this story?



5. **Imagine** you are one of those first disciples, sent out on your first 'mission' for Jesus? **How would you feel? Where would you go first? Who would you go with?** (They were sent out in twos) The story tells us that they went first to homes where there was a welcome. **Who among your family friends would welcome hearing about Jesus and what he means to you?** Jesus said pray for peace to come in those homes and also pray for any who are sick. **Whose home needs God's peace today? Who needs prayer because they are unwell?**

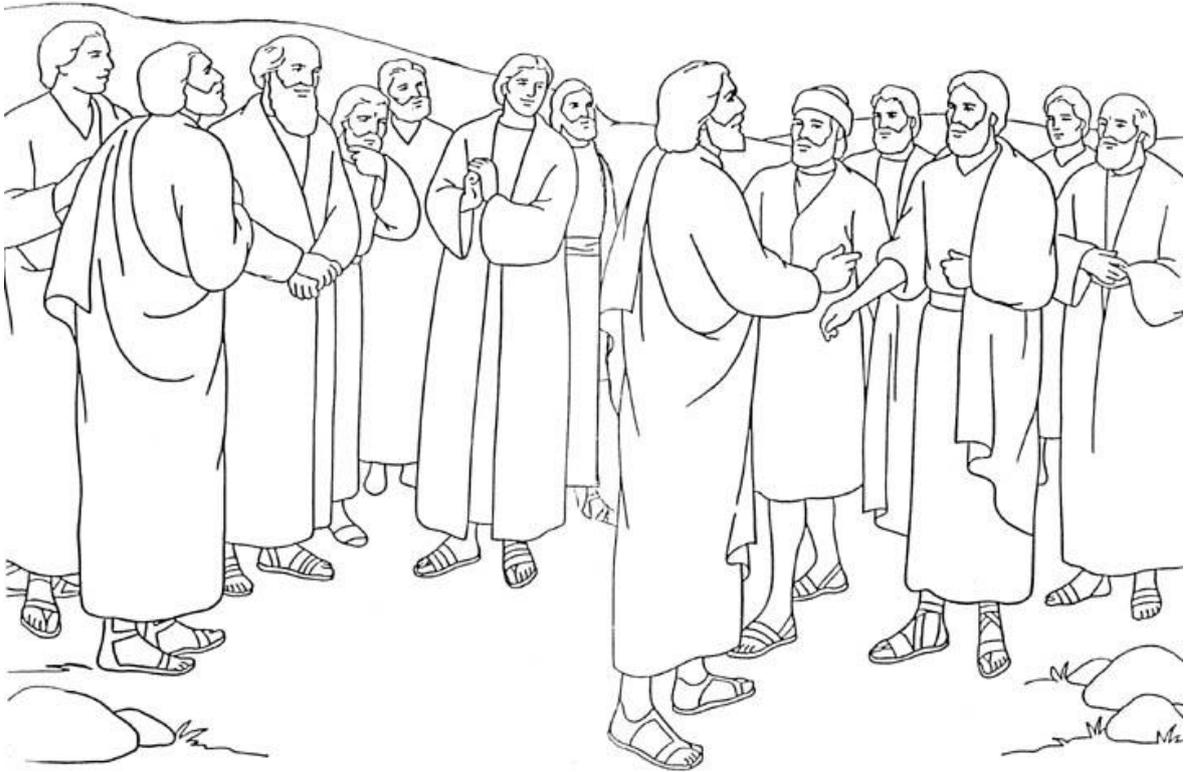


Here is another song that is based on today's story and sums up the message that we have to share with our friends and neighbours.

[God forgave my sin in Jesus' name](#)

Does your family know people who are telling others about Jesus (maybe as mission partners overseas?) Why not pray for them today?

6. Here are the 12 that Jesus sent out. Can you colour and decorate the image and then find some of their names hidden in the wordsearch below?



Jesus had much to do while he was on earth.

He chose twelve men to be His special helpers. They were called Apostles.

Twelve Disciples

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PHILIP
THOMAS
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JOHN
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JAMES
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