

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Messengers for Jesus



### Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

### Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel of Mark...

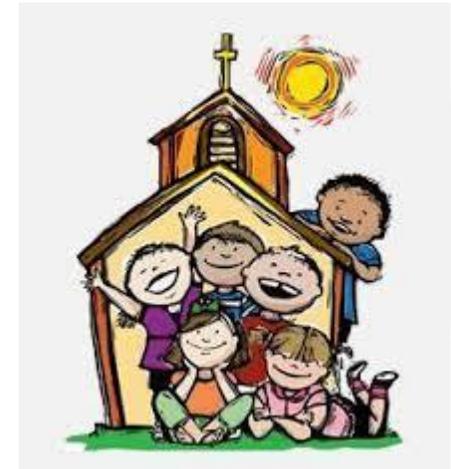
Jesus sent his twelve apostles out in pairs to preach to the people and to cure the sick. He told them to take no money, spare clothes and no food.

'If someone makes you welcome then stay with them until your work is finished,' he said. 'But if people are unfriendly and do not want to listen to your message, then walk away and leave them to themselves.'

The apostles set off and did everything as Jesus had said. Many people turned back to God after hearing their words and others were cured in Jesus' name.

### Respond Together...

- If you were going on a long journey, what would you want to take with you? You might like to take things like clothes, food and drink, shoes, a coat and some money.



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- What did Jesus tell his apostles to take with them? They were told to take nothing other than the clothes they were wearing and perhaps a stick to help them walk.
- Why do you think Jesus wanted them to do this? He wanted them to realise that the most important thing that they were taking with them was the word of God. God would guide them on their journey and provide for their needs. Jesus knew that good people would welcome the apostles into their hearts and homes.
- How do you think the apostles felt as they set off on their journeys? They were probably quite excited but also a little bit scared about what they had been asked to do. They didn't know what to expect from the people who they would meet but they knew that whatever happened God would be with them. They put their trust in God to watch over and guide them.
- How can we be like the apostles and share the message of Jesus with the world around us? We can share the message by acting it out every day, by making our thoughts, words and actions like those of Jesus.

Pray Together... Lord Jesus, you chose the twelve apostles to bring your message to the world. You also chose to give each one of us life and to welcome us into God's family. Help us to share your message of love and truth with people we meet each day. Amen.

