

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 25

Followers Are
Sent Out

Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-12

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Younger Verse

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Older Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

As Jesus traveled around, He had twelve men who went with Him. These men were called His **disciples**. Of course, many others followed Him, too. But these men were special. Jesus chose them to learn from Him and follow His example. They would continue His work after He went back to Heaven.

Do you know the names of any of the disciples? There were two sets of brothers: James and John, called the Sons of Thunder, and Simon Peter and Andrew. Then there was Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot.

Jesus called the twelve disciples together one day. It was time for them to go out and spread the message of God's love. Jesus gave the men the power to heal people like He had done. He also gave them the authority to cast out evil spirits from people, as He had done. He told them to go out and tell everyone about the coming of God's kingdom and to heal the sick.

He told them not to take anything with them. He wanted them to focus on spreading God's message, not their own comfort. He instructed them to stay in only one home in each town. That way they wouldn't have to worry different people. They could spend their time preaching, teaching and healing.

Jesus warned the disciples about those people who would not like their message. He said when that happened, they needed to move on to the next town.

So the disciples went out and preached the Good News in the nearby towns and villages. They also healed the sick.

Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus sent out His disciples to preach and heal

Learn that Jesus gave them power to do the work

Learn that Jesus wants us to continue the work today

After their trip, the disciples came back to Jesus and traveled with Him again. Then later, Jesus chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them out in pairs. He told them to go to the towns He was planning to visit. He wanted them to prepare the people for His coming. He told them, “The harvest is so great, but the workers are so few. Pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest, and ask Him to send out more workers for His fields.”

Jesus warned them that He was sending them out as lambs among wolves. He was reminding them to be careful, because many people did not want to hear about God. He told them to heal the sick and then to announce, “The kingdom of God is near you now.” That would get the people ready for Jesus to come. Their hearts would be ready to hear His message of salvation and forgiveness.

What about you? Is your heart ready to hear about God’s love and forgiveness? Have you accepted His message and invited Him into your life? Jesus wants to save you and give you the gift of eternal life. He is sending out workers today to continue to spread the message. He wants *you* to accept the message, receive His Holy Spirit into your life, and spread the Word to others!

Review Questions

1. What did Jesus tell His twelve disciples to do? (Travel to different towns, preach God’s message, heal the sick.)
2. How many people did Jesus send out the second time? (seventy-two)
3. What was the main purpose for these people going out? (to prepare everyone for Jesus’ coming to their town.)
4. Jesus told His followers that the harvest is so _____, but the workers are so _____.
5. What did Jesus tell His followers to pray about? (Ask Him to send out more workers.)

Life Application

What did Jesus mean by the harvest? A harvest is a crop that is ripe and ready to be gathered. There are many people who are ready to hear about Jesus. They want to know more about Him, but no one has come to share with them. That is the job of Jesus’ followers today.

Are you a follower of Jesus? If you have accepted Him into your life, the answer is yes. Now it is your turn to tell others what God has done in your life. Let’s pray that Jesus’ followers will obey His call and help gather the harvest of new believers!

Planning for Lesson 26
Jesus Feeds 5,000
Luke 9:10-17

Preschool Lesson for Followers Are Send Out

As Jesus traveled around, He had twelve men who went with Him. These men were called His **disciples**. Of course, many others followed Him, too. But these men were special. Jesus chose them to learn from Him and follow His example. They would continue His work after He went back to Heaven.

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We can tell people about Jesus, too! He is the best thing we can tell people. Let's practice. Practice knocking and telling someone about Jesus or inviting someone to church. Another thing we can do is to be kind and help people. Then they might want to know more about Jesus because you were nice to them!



**Hands-on Activities
for
Followers Are Sent Out**

Play “Follow the Leader.” Let different kids take turns being the leader. Remind kids that we need to be a follower of Jesus. Then we can help others be His followers, too!

Have students get into small groups. Have one older child in each group to lead. Have each student practice sharing the Good News about Jesus. Use John 3:16, as well as their personal story about when they accepted Christ.

Help the kids learn the names of the twelve disciples by putting the names to music. Talk about the disciples we know a lot about: Peter walked on water with Jesus; Matthew wrote the book of Matthew, etc. Remind students that we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Make a list of people who have not attended Bible study or church in a while. Have kids make cards to invite them to come back. “Send them out” to deliver the cards, or go together.

Draw a map of your apartment complex and/or surrounding area. Place it on the wall. Cut out footprint shapes for each child and label them with their names. Blindfold one child and let them stick their footprint on the map (put tape on the back of the footprint). After everyone’s footprint is on the map, explain how each child can go out like the people in today’s story and tell ALL the people about Jesus!

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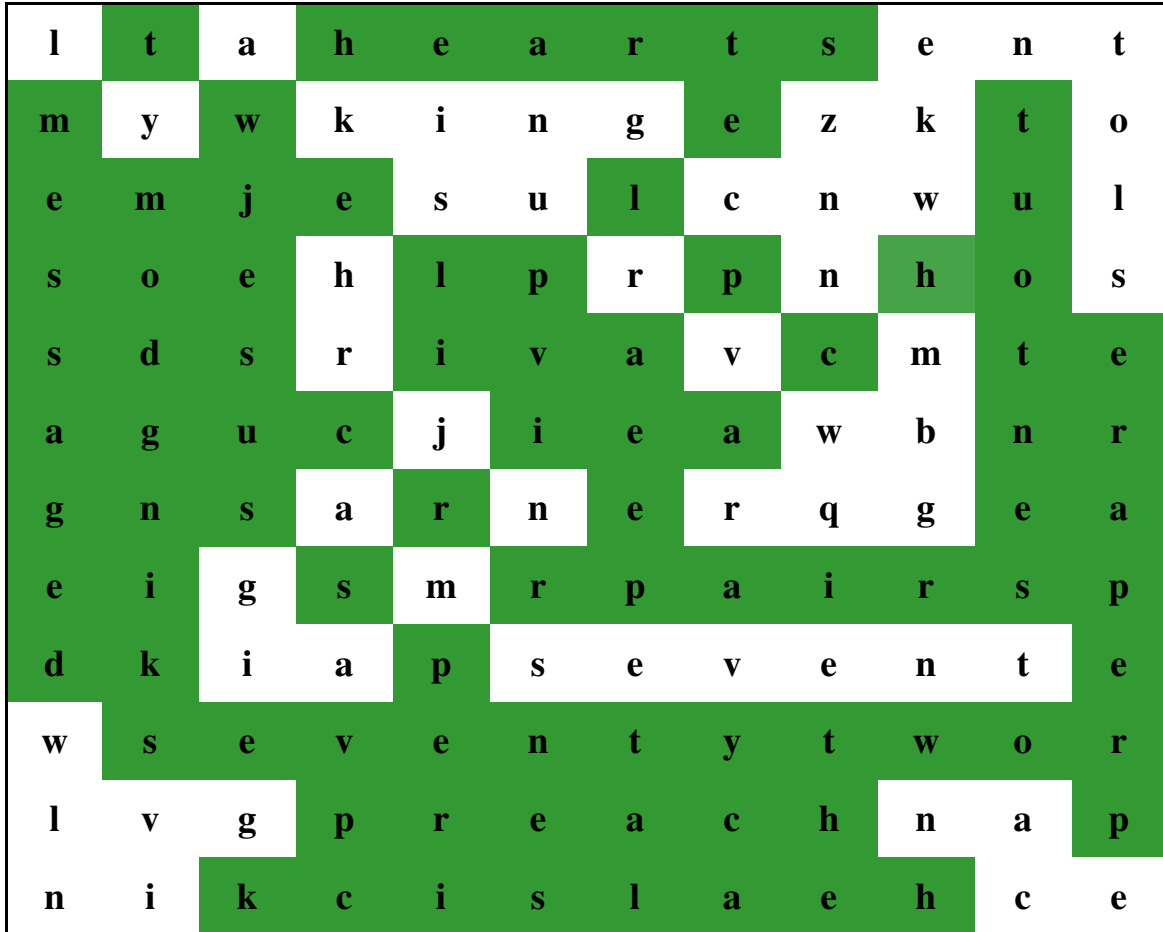
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