

Worship at Home July 4th 2021

Telling others about Jesus. Mark 6:1-13

Theme: Telling others about Jesus

Object: A travel bag or suitcase

Bible Verse: These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Mark 6:8-9 (NIV)

Message: It's the time of year when many people are going on vacation or would like to go on vacation if they can. If you have ever gone on a trip, you know that it takes a lot of preparation to get ready to go. You may need to get someone to bring in our newspaper and our mail while you are gone. If you have a dog or a cat, someone has to take care of your pet. Probably the most important thing you have to do when you go on a trip is pack your suitcase. I brought a suitcase today. Let's imagine that we are going on a trip and make a list all of the things we will need to pack in our suitcase. Let's see, we will need socks, underwear, jeans, shirts, shorts, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, comb and brush, and a swim suit and thons for the beach. Have I forgotten anything? (Allow time for the children to add to the list.) Oh, I thought of something I forgot. My laptop! I can't go a week without checking my email or surfing the Internet!

When he was on the earth, Jesus traveled around from village to village teaching, healing people, and casting out demons. One day, he called his twelve disciples to him and said, "I want you to go out two by two. I am giving you all of the authority you need to cast out evil spirits."

That sounds like a pretty big task, doesn't it? That meant that they would have to travel from town to town just as Jesus had been doing. I imagine the disciples thought to themselves, "Wow! I had better go and start packing!"

But then Jesus gave them further instructions. "Take nothing for your journey except a walking stick -- no food, no traveler's bag, and no money. You can wear sandals, but no extra clothing."

No food, no money, no extra clothes -- how could the disciples possibly make this journey? They found people who would welcome them and they stayed with them in their homes. These people fed them and gave them everything they needed for the journey. The Bible tells us that the disciples went out telling everyone they met to repent of their sins, to say sorry and turn to God. They also cast out many evil spirits and they healed many sick people. In other words, they did exactly what Jesus told them to do and he gave them the power to do it.

Jesus told you and me to go and make disciples. I wonder if sometimes we delay following his command because we think we aren't ready. Maybe we just need to go, like the Twelve did. God would give us the ability to share the Good News with others. What do you think?

Father, we know that many people need to hear the Good News. Jesus has told us to go and make disciples. Help us to be willing to go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Clips: [051 - Twelve Disciples Sent Out \(English\) - YouTube](#)
[38 Matthew Jesus sends out Twelve Disciples - YouTube](#)
[NT034 Jesus Sends Out Disciples Bible Story - YouTube](#)

Songs: [JESUS ROCKS THE WORLD \(lyrics video short\) COLIN BUCHANAN - YouTube](#)
[Tell The World That - Hillsong United \(lyric video\) - YouTube](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlfSCdII4LU&t=35s>
[Share God's Love - YouTube](#)

Activity: Wordless Bible to share the Story of God's love and forgiveness. Create a book using blank coloured pages that match the colours on the chart. Learn what each colour stands for. Practise sharing what each colour stands for with your family and then try sharing it with others. Other ways to share this is to use M&M's, beads on a cord, make a bookworm.

Try this link which uses Lego to create and share the Gospel. [Wordless Book with Legos \(letthelittlechildrencome.com\)](#)

