

Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....
to Mass today.

Growing Our Faith

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year B.

How would you feel if I asked you to go out and preach the Gospel to people you didn't know? Probably quite scared, I am sure! And it is very likely that the apostles felt scared too. So in today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus prepared them to do that.

First of all, Jesus instructed them to go out in pairs, so that they would have the company and support of one another. If you have to try something new for the first time, it can be a little scary, and it's a lot easier to do it with the help of a friend, isn't it? Now usually when you go out on a journey, you take a suitcase or some sort of bag with you, and perhaps a drink and some snacks for the journey. Well Jesus told the apostles to take absolutely nothing! Imagine that! All the apostles had to offer people was God's love. But Jesus knew that that would be enough, and that people would welcome his apostles and the message they had come to share. Jesus knew that they had nothing to fear, because their loving example would be returned in abundance, and all their needs would be taken care of. But what if people were unfriendly to them? Jesus simply told them to leave. God forces nobody to love him! His love is a gift that is freely offered to be accepted or refused.

And where did they go? The Gospel doesn't actually say, but it is likely that these first journeys were made to local villages and towns, and the apostles could then return to Jesus to share the news of their visits. As their confidence and faith grew, no doubt they were able to visit more distant places and people.

(See the colouring in page at the back to find out what that means for us!)



An Apostle Preaching The Gospel

As today's followers of Christ, we are also asked to live our lives in a way that reflects the love of God to others. We may take 'baby steps' towards this, especially compared to what the apostles managed to do, but with each step we do take, we will be better able to see how much God loves us, and our faith will grow too.

Word Search

'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'.

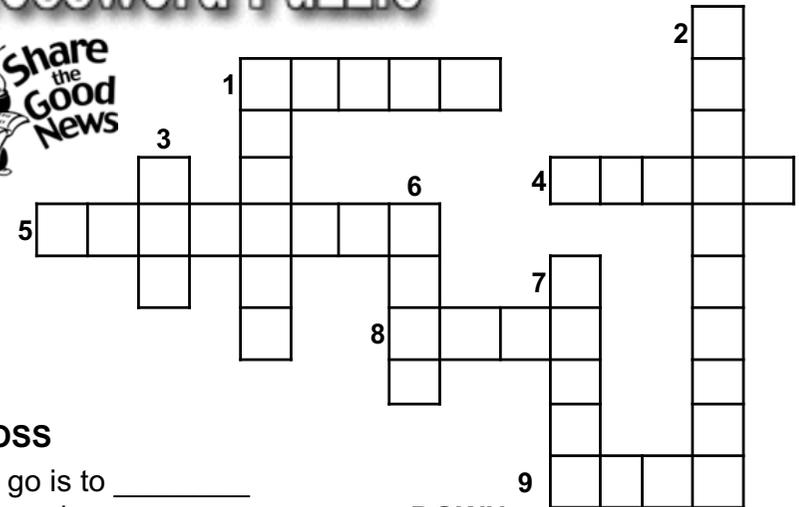
This word search is based on Mark 6:7-13

A L F H C G O D R F G H U L O
 P A I R S M O L L Y H Y R E U
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 S E D W C C S E F R E D Q D F
 T P S U K O V O C H I N U A R
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 M O N E Y R E B E C C A O W O

PAIRS	APOSTLES	PREACH
PEOPLE	CURE	SICK
WELCOME	LISTEN	STAY
UNFRIENDLY	LEAVE	GOD
MONEY	JESUS	CLOTHES



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- To go is to _____ somewhere
- Another word to describe the 12 disciples of Jesus
- To make someone better again is to _____ them
- To sleep at someone's house is to _____

DOWN

- To hear and understand is to _____
- The opposite of being friendly
- Our heavenly Father is to _____ them
- God's Son

Apostles	Sick	Jesus	Leave	Listen
Unfriendly	Cure	God	Stay	Pairs

Children's Prayer

Dear Father. Thank you for the love that you have your us, your children! Please help us to be more like Jesus - to love our enemies, to show kindness to those who hate us, to give to those in need, and to be forgiving. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

