

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
6 July, 2025
Luke 10:1-9

Catechist Background

By sending his disciples out before him to the places he planned to visit, Jesus could be said to be embarking on the equivalent of a first-century advertising campaign. In a world without hotels or B&B listings, most travellers were dependent on the hospitality of local people when they moved about through villages. With small close-knit communities under the influence of local elders, this would have been an effective way of spreading the message that the Kingdom of God is near. It is interesting that the disciples are sent out by Jesus in pairs. On one hand, they would be able to look after each other's safety and be a spiritual support for each other; on the other according to the rules laid out in Deuteronomy 19:15, two witnesses were required to give evidence in order for their statements to be regarded as official testimony in a court. Either way, Jesus seems to be thinking ahead as to what they might encounter on their travels.

Setting the Scene

This Sunday we return to the green of Ordinary Time after Easter, Pentecost and the feasts of Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi and Sts Peter and Paul. We were last in green in early March, and so do decorate your space with this colour in some way, and point this out to the children. Remind them that green is the colour for Ordinary Time because our faith grows in our daily lives.

We Say Sorry

Leader: Lord Jesus, you give us your peace, Lord have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus you are our light and our guide, Christ have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, your care for us is never ending, Lord have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

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We Pray (1)

God, you have saved the world through Jesus. Help us to live like Jesus wants us to live and to be happy. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Reflecting on the Gospel Reading with Children

- When Jesus spoke about a harvest, do you think he meant a harvest of wheat or vegetables or something else?
 - Who or what was he talking about?
- What did Jesus ask his disciples to do?
- Why do you think Jesus sent his disciples out two at a time? *[for safety!]*

Response

Divide the children into pairs.

- Tell one person in each pair that they are disciples and the other person that they are a homeowner/household;
- Tell the 'disciples' to come to the 'households' and say: 'Peace be with you! God's Kingdom is near!'
- Encourage the 'households' to say something in response;
- Swap roles after a sufficient amount of time;

Then bring everyone back together.

- Ask the children how it felt to be wished 'peace' by somebody else, and how it felt to be bringing peace;
- Remind them that in Mass we share the 'Sign of Peace' with each other, and to look out for that moment when they return to the congregation later:
 - If you have time, you could invite the children to share the Sign of Peace together.

We Believe

Relating the Creed to what you have shared with the children, ask these questions and invite the children to reply: 'I do.'

- Do you believe in God the Father, who sent his Son to us?
- Do you believe in Jesus, God's Son, who came to show us the Kingdom of God?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, who helps us to continue Jesus' work?

We Pray (2)

Again, relate the Prayer of the Faithful to the Gospel reading by saying: 'We know you wish peace to the whole world and so we now pray...'

Leader: We pray for all missionaries and people who bring God's message to dangerous or far-off places. Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our elected officials, that they may use their power to enable everyone to live out God's love. Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for people living in places where there is no peace. We especially pray for people in areas that are fighting wars. Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for anyone we know who is not feeling full of peace at the moment. Lord in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord, help us to be messengers of your peace to the people we see every day. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

