

Call to Action

Matthew 9.35-10.8

Story Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6K6J9DdDI2Q&t=14s>

Jesus gathered his twelve disciples and sent them out. He gave them these instructions: 'Don't go to Gentile or Samaritan towns. Instead go to the people of Israel, for they are like a flock of lost sheep. Tell people the good news about the kingdom of heaven. Cure the sick, raise the dead, heal those with skin diseases, send out demons. You have been given all this freely, for no payment. Now you must help others without being paid.' Jesus reassured them, 'You won't need gold or silver; don't take a travelling bag or an extra shirt; don't take sandals or a walking stick. When you go into a town, find out who the good people are and stay with them until you are ready to leave. If you enter a home, bless it with your peace, but if it is not worthy, take the blessing back. If someone doesn't welcome you or they won't listen, leave at once, shaking the dust from your feet. 'I am sending you out like sheep into a pack of wolves,' he said, 'so you need to be as wise as a snake and as innocent as a dove. Because of me people will hand you over to those in power and have you beaten. You will be dragged before kings and leaders. But if this happens, don't worry about what to say – you will be given the words at the time. It will be God's Spirit speaking. 'Because of me there will be unrest in families,' Jesus said sadly. 'Brothers will turn against brothers. Fathers will turn against children. Children will turn against parents. Many will be hated because of me. But if you remain with me until the end you will be saved. If they persecute you in one town, run to the next. I promise that before you have been to all the towns of Israel, the Son of Man will come.' Glossary Gentile the name Jews give to non-Jews; Samaritan a person who lived in Samaria and worshipped God differently from Jews. Jews and Samaritans hated each other; demons spiritual forces that trouble people – could be interpreted as mental illness; Son of Man a title from the Old Testament Book of Daniel, used by Jesus to describe himself.

Sunday school:



Bless this House:

Make 2 Bless this house signs, one for your own sign for your house and one for someone you know or a neighbour.

- **Pass It On:**
- **Via email or messaging apps with your parents permission** Explain that you are going to give one child a message which they are going to pass on to the next person, and so on until the message is delivered to the last person. The message could be quite simple, for example: 'Tell people the good news' or another phrase from today's Bible passage.
- Remind the children that the message will only be read out once so they need to read it carefully and then send a message to a family member or friend as accurately as they can remember
- Ask the last person in the group to then send the message the whole group who can then see if it has changed.

Collage: Design a unique symbol of your own calling

You will need: A4 paper, magazines/newspapers, scissors, glue, pens.

- Pre-prepare each piece of paper by writing across the top, 'I am called by Jesus, or ask the children to do this before you begin.
- Encourage the children to make a collage about themselves by cutting pictures and words out of the magazines/newspapers. This can include: hobbies, favourite music or pop groups, favourite food, favourite TV programmes, likes and dislikes, family, hopes and dreams. Ask them to be as creative as possible and include their name somewhere in the collage.
- If any children would like to, they could share what they have done with the group.

Good news sweets 5 mins W E A

Prepare gifts to give to friends

You will need: pens/pencils, luggage labels, large wrapped sweets, sticky tape.

- Give everyone in the Family a luggage label and encourage them to write a phrase from today's story on their label – for example, 'Tell people the good news'. Younger children could draw on their label.
- Attach the label to the sweet using sticky tape.
- Ask the children to decide who they will give their gift to, and plan a time to give it to their chosen person this week.

Youth Division (11+)

Deeper Discussion:

God calls us into action to spread Love and Peace- in the current climate and with the added riots, what can you do to bring peace and love to your community right now?

Discuss with your friends online or with your family

Paint blowing 5 mins ES

Give each young person a piece of thin card, some watered-down poster paint and a paper straw.

Ask everyone to place some paint at the base of the card and then blow the paint through the straw.

Talk about the way the paint spreads out, like the disciples being sent out, and how the air is like the Holy Spirit.

Bless this house:

You will need: 12 cupcakes, coloured icing, icing writing pens

Make 12 cupcakes or buy them already made.

Ask the young people to decorate the cupcakes and write the words God bless this house on them.

On a socially distant walk deliver the cupcakes to the front doors of friend and family or maybe an old peoples home. This helps spread the word of God.

Pass it on: see Sunday school instructions

