

Family Faith Formation

Archdiocese of Adelaide

Fifteenth Sunday (Year B)

11th July 2021



Preparing the prayer space

Place a green cloth on the table or floor (green – the colour for Ordinary Time)

Place a cross, bible and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- YouTube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



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Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus tells his apostles to go out and do God's work by healing people, visiting others and sharing the news of God's love.

Opening prayer:

Lord God, you sent out your apostles to visit the sick and spread your Word with others. Give us courage to go out and share your message with others. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (6:7-13)

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus called together his twelve apostles and sent them out two by two with power over evil spirits. He told them, "You may take along a walking stick. But don't carry food or a traveling bag or any money. It's alright to wear sandals, but don't take along a change of clothes.

"When you are welcomed into a home, stay there until you leave that town. If any place won't welcome you or listen to your message, leave and shake the dust from your feet as a warning to them."

The apostles left and started telling everyone to turn to God. They forced out many demons and healed a lot of sick people by putting olive oil on them."

The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the video together

The Gospel- Mark 6:7-13 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTAu8Jlphrc> (1:02min)

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus sent his apostles out two by two...

I wonder what the disciples were thinking when Jesus sent them out...

I wonder why Jesus told them not to bring food, a traveling bag or money...

I wonder how many homes the disciples were welcomed into...

I wonder why the apostles used olive oil to heal with...

I wonder how the people were feeling when they heard and saw what the apostles were doing...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

I Believe - John Burland ft. Genevieve Bryant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvYbfojVkgGQ> (4 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.

(We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders: that they will bring healing and good news to others.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for those who have received their sacraments, that they will be filled with God's love and courage to share God's Word with others.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray that members of our Church will continue to share God's love and welcome others into the community.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

6 We pray for those who are sick, hurt or have experienced pain will find God's peace and comforting presence in their lives.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: We lift up our prayers and the prayers of our community. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing song: *Be Not Afraid* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ij0jOiqISPU> (2:58mins)

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has end.

- **Prayer journal**
Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).
- **Colouring in**
<https://whatsinthebible.com/activity-library/12-disciples/>
- **Write a list**
Jesus gave the apostles of the things they could take with them. Create your own list of things that you find would be the most important items to take with you on a journey. Could you be challenged to take only a few of the items your listed? <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>
- **Family Connection**
As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks ...how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together.
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/15th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>