

Welcome to Kids Corner!

Sunday, February 4, 2024

JESUS SENDS THE TWELVE

Mark 6:1-29

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Key Verse:

[Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

Mark 6:7

The Point:

We are to spread the good news of the kingdom.

Making Connections:

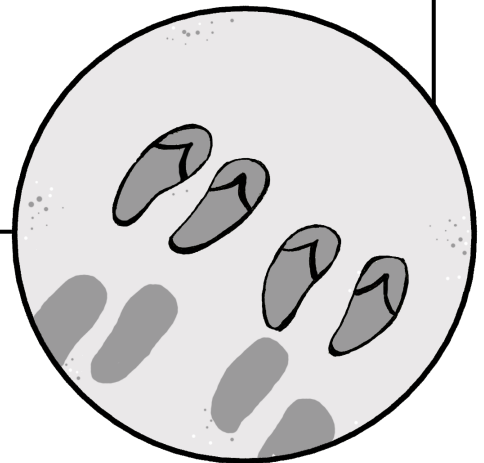
The Power of the Kingdom

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

What Is the Kingdom of God?

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

Last week, Jesus dramatically brought a young girl back to life, yet when he arrives in his hometown of Nazareth he is recognized not as a miracle-worker but as one of the kids from the neighborhood who is all grown up. Even as his own people reject him, Jesus continues his fast-paced ministry of showing love to others and, then, of sending his disciples into the world, two by two, to do the same.

Story Summary:

Jesus Sends the Twelve

Jesus went to his hometown of Nazareth and was rejected by the people there. Jesus surprised people when he taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath. People were perplexed by his message and even more so by how someone so common could have his authority. “This is just the son of Mary. What could he possibly have to say that is important?”

Even when he was turned away, Jesus showed love to others. Even as he is described as “amazed at their unbelief,” Jesus continued to teach. Though they did not encourage him, Jesus even took his teaching up a notch by sending his disciples out with the message he had to share and passing his authority on to them. Jesus continued to show love and compassion even in the face of rejection.

The Point

We are to spread the good news of the kingdom. Jesus’ disciples were sent, two by two, to preach, teach, and heal. In the midst of unbelief, Jesus only ramped up his message and shared it with more people. The disciples repeated Jesus’ message of repentance as well as his love shown through acts such as healings and the casting out of demons. In the same way, we are sent to do share the message and love of Jesus with those that we meet.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

What Is the Kingdom of God?

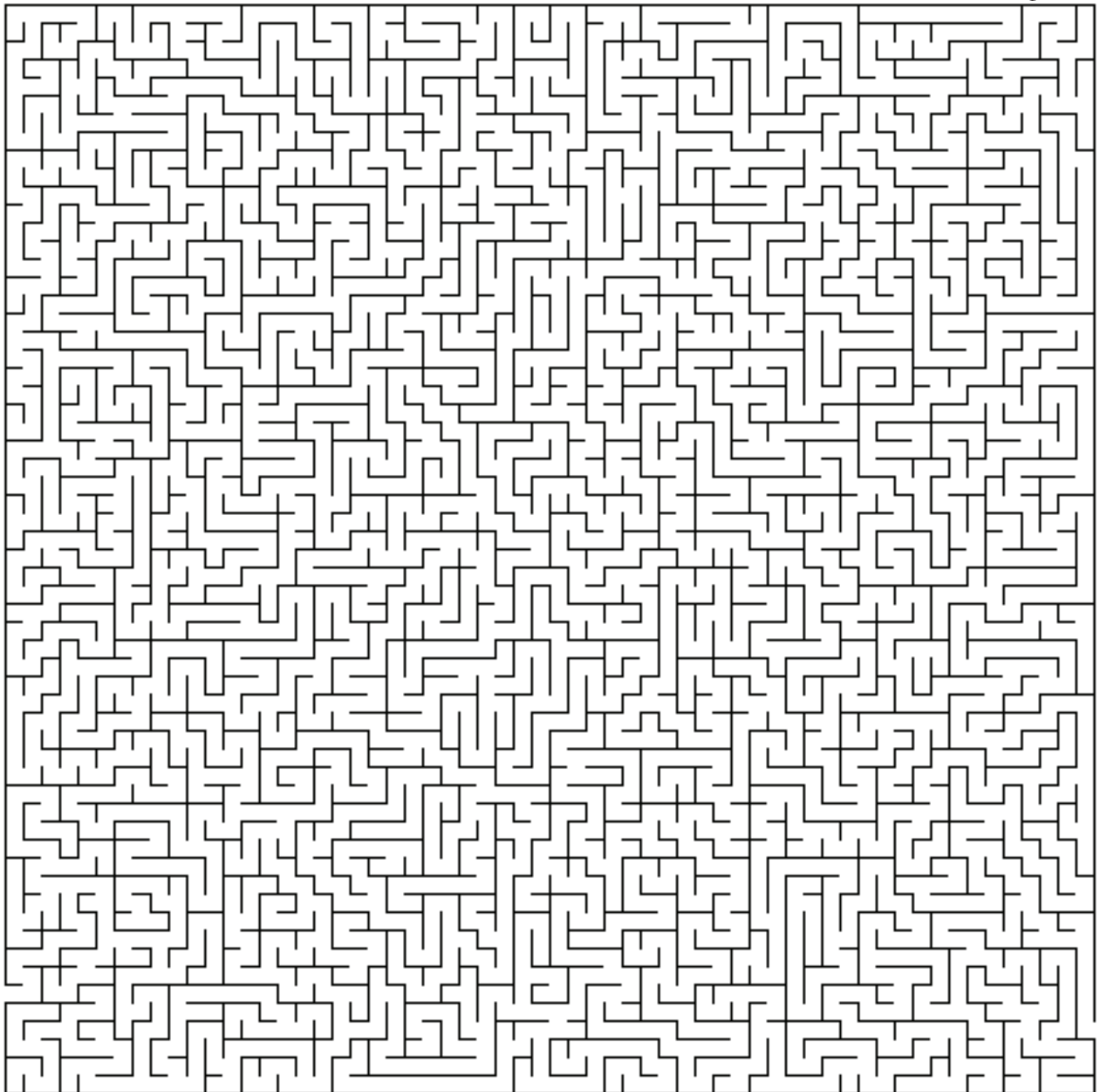
One of the strongest themes in the Gospels is the kingdom of God. When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we pray for God’s kingdom to come. This kingdom is not a physical place on Earth. The kingdom of God exists whenever people live in God’s love and do God’s work. In this way, the kingdom of God is here and now. However, that’s not all. God’s kingdom is something that has not arrived yet. We see glimpses of God’s kingdom in our world and in our time, but God promises to remake our world into a place of peace, love, and justice, a place without any suffering or evil. The good news is that this work has already begun, and we are a part of God’s kingdom.

Spiritual Practice: Prayer

In the midst of his activities and even his rejection, Jesus was able to continue his work and mission. Just like him, we experience ups and downs in our own daily lives. One way many people have found to endure the struggles of life and find the strength to keep moving is through prayer.



FOLLOW JESUS!



Matthew 10:2

12 Disciples of Jesus



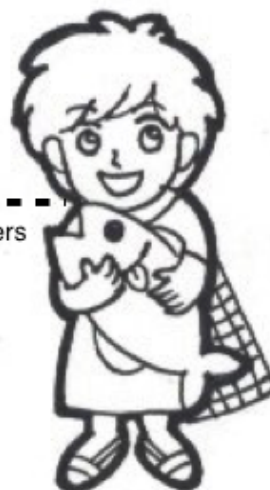
Simon
(Peter)



Andrew



James



John



Philip



Bartholomew
(Nathanael)



Simon
(The Zealot)



Matthew



Thomas



James
(Son of Alphaeus)



Judas
(Jude,
Thaddaeus,
Lebbaeus)



Judas
(Iscairiot)

Brothers

Brothers

Brothers

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Mark 6:8 (NIV)

Based on Mark 6:6-13 (NIV)

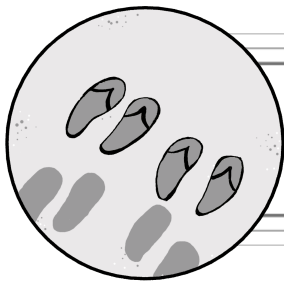


Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two.

Mark 6:7 (NIV)

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F V P R E A C H A J X E P R Q
F I R P E C H H N E E N N L P
M L K P V A W F O D U S J T M
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V F S A N D A L S O T M E W V
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AUTHORITY	TWELVE	TAKE	REPENT	SANDALS
SPIRITS	JESUS	TUNIC	MONEY	BAG
EVIL	VILLAGE	JOURNEY	BREAD	HEALED
TEACHING	STAFF	SENT	PREACH	NOTHING



THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Mark 6:1-29

LAST WEEK

Jesus heals a woman and raises a young girl from the dead (Mark 5:21-43).

THIS WEEK

Jesus returns to his hometown and finds that there is little faith among them. Jesus then sends out the twelve disciples to heal and spread the good news (Mark 6:1-29).

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PRACTICE PRAYER

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THE POINT

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BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

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NEXT WEEK

The transfiguration reveals Jesus' authority as the Messiah, the Son of God (Mark 8:27-9:8).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about the theme of The Power of the Kingdom?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Mark 6:17-29

The death of John the Baptist.

King Herod feels pressured to kill John the Baptist. Tell about a time when you feel like you were trapped and pressured to do something.

Monday—Read Mark 6:30-34

Jesus seeks time away.

Go to a quiet place and pray for five minutes.

Tuesday—Read Mark 6:35-44

Feeding the multitudes.

You can feed the multitudes, too. Donate money or bring food to a local food pantry.

Wednesday—Read Mark 6:45-56

Walking on water.

Fill the bathtub and try this. Does it work? Why or why not?

Thursday—Read Psalm 89:5-11

Who rules the sea?

Sing your favorite praise song together.

Friday—Read Mark 8:22-26

Healing a blind man.

Play the "phone game" in which you whisper a secret, passing it to each other until you get to the last person. How do you suppose the news about Jesus changed as people passed it from town to town?

Saturday—Read Mark 8:27-38

A misunderstood Messiah.

Spend a few minutes sharing your own God stories together, discussing who Jesus is to you, and how you would describe Jesus to someone who was asking.