



I can tell my friends about Jesus.

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Matthew 10:7

As you go, preach this message:
"The kingdom of heaven is near."

Loving God, there is no better news than the good news that you love us and sent your Son so that we might have life and that we might have it abundantly. Help us to share that good news with others. Amen

For parents to pray with your child

Jesus chose

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

disciples

and told them all about God's love
They told others, who told others,

who told others

who told ME!

So I know too!

Thank you, Jesus.

Jesus Calls for Workers

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Jesus went through all the towns and villages, _____ in their synagogues, _____ the good news of the kingdom and _____ every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like _____ without a _____. Then he said to his disciples, "The _____ is plentiful but the _____ are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

He called his _____ disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of _____ is _____!'"

Matthew 9:35-38, 10:1, 10:5-8 (NIV)

harvest	heaven	preaching	shepherd	twelve
healing	near	sheep	teaching	workers



OFF YOU GO!

WHO? Jesus was sending off his twelve disciples.

WHAT FOR? So they could spread through the towns and villages and tell people the kingdom of God was close.

WHY MIGHT ANYONE BELIEVE THAT? MOST PEOPLE WOULD NEED TO SEE SOME SIGNS TO BACK UP THE CLAIM.

True. So they were given the power and authority to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and drive out demons.

WOW!

Actually, God needs some workers now, if you're interested.

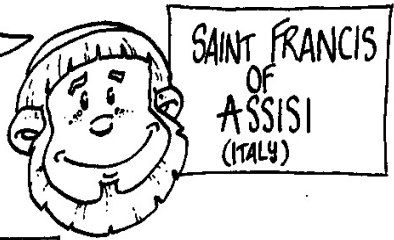
LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.

WHERE THERE IS HATRED LET ME SOW LOVE; WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON; WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE; AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY;

DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT I MAY SEEK NOT SO MUCH TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE, TO BE UNDERSTOOD, AS TO UNDERSTAND, TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE.

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE, IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED, AND IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.

A prayer of Saint Francis



BORN: Around 1181 - we don't know exactly.

BACKGROUND: Wealthy, fun loving, adventurous.

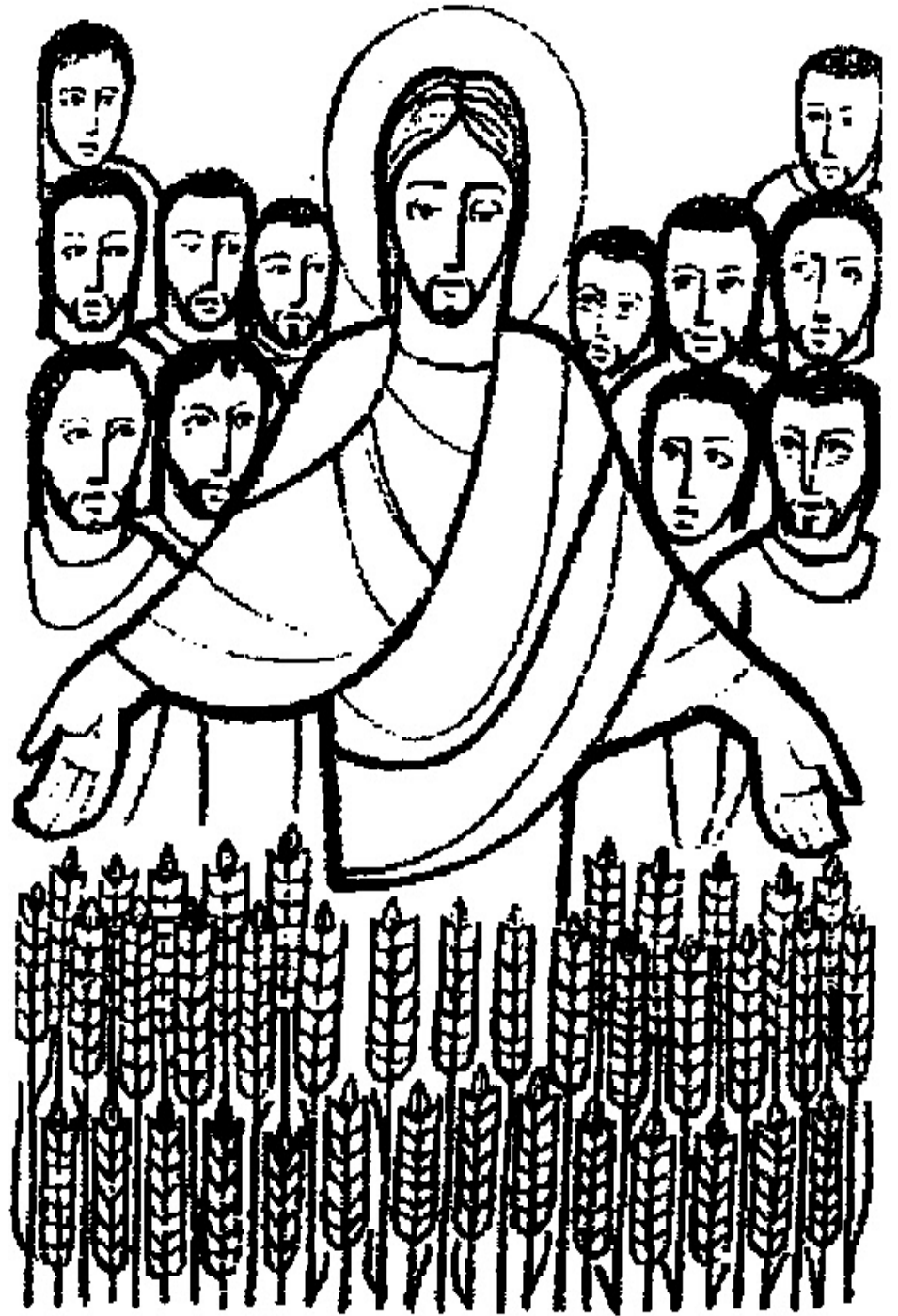
MOMENT OF TRUTH: He sensed God asking him to rebuild his ruined church, and took that to mean the tumble-down building he was in. He ended up building up the Church of God.

BEST BIBLE REFERENCE: Today's Gospel: Matthew 10:9-10.

LIFE STYLE: Very simple and basic. He and his group of 'brothers' walked about listening, loving, preaching, helping.

FOOD: Begging-bowl contents.

STATE OF MIND AND SPIRIT: Full of joy and humility, love and hope.





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Based on Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 (NIV)



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HEALING	TOWNS	GOOD	NEWS	HELPLESS
VILLAGES	HEAVEN	SICKNESS	NEAR	SHEEP
WORKERS	JESUS	COMPASSION	SHEPHERD	PREACHING