



# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2023

## BIBLE LESSONS:

ROM. 5:6-15

MATT. 9:35-10:8

### Peace with God Through Faith Romans 5:6-15

In the Epistle lesson in Romans 5: 6-15, St. Paul the Apostle preaches the message that all people are sinners and that Christ died for everyone. Humans would not lay down their life for someone unless they thought that person was righteous — a special kind of person who deserves saving. Paul reminds us that no one is worthy of being saved and that we are all sinful, and yet God loves us even though we are sinners. Since we can't become holy on our own, God chose to show His love for us, by sending His Son to die for us "while we were still sinners".

### The Twelve Apostles Matthew 9:35-10:8

In today's Gospel message Jesus calls the twelve disciples, and not only gives them the job of sharing the message of God's love with sinners, but also gives them divine authority — to work with — that is the ability to perform miracles and cast out demons.

Matthew is very specific telling us the name of each of the disciples and demonstrating the love, care, and compassion that Jesus has for His disciples and for each of us.

Jesus instructs the disciples on how they are to go about fulfilling their call and tells them that they are to start at home, in their neighbourhood going "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel". Jesus had been living in communities with His Jewish brothers and sisters and saw firsthand how they had fallen away. They were sinners just like everyone else and although there were times where He had spoken out and reprimanded some people, like the Pharisees, He still loved and cared for His people. He wanted to see them saved, so He told the disciples to focus on the locals first.

We know that later He will instruct the disciples on sharing the love of God with *all nations*, but He wants them first to focus on who they know and where they live.





Sinners are everywhere, and Jesus wants us to love them the way He loves us even though we are sinners. He wants us to share the message of God's love with the people around us, the same way the disciples did, and the same way Paul did.



## Prayer

Let us pray: Dear Father in heaven, thank You for sending Jesus to die for me, a sinner, and take away my sin. Help me to love my neighbour the way that Jesus loved His neighbours and help me to carry out your mission on earth by telling others about your love for me and for them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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