



Holy Trinity Geneva

JUNIOR CHURCH

14th June

Virtual Junior Church

Dear parents, this week's resources explore Jesus authorising and sending the disciples to do his work. Matthew gives an overview of Jesus' ministry - teaching, proclaiming the gospel and healing people. Then Jesus gives his disciples the commission and authority to replicate and extend this ministry more widely.

Today we are also celebrating Corpus Christi which is a day to say thank you for Holy Communion.

Start with a Prayer:

As each line of the prayer is said, place one fist on top of the other

Help us, Lord, to build our lives on you.

Help us to build up our faith.

Help us to build up our friendships.

Help us to build up our families.

Help us to build up our community.

Help us, Lord, to build our lives on you.

Amen.

Jesus' friends go out to share all that he has taught them with the world.

Read the passage:



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.'

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Activities

Stepping out

Think about stepping out of our comfort zone. Doing things for God can often involve stepping out of our comfort zone and may make us feel uncomfortable. But God is with us at these times.

Make some 'stepping out feet' as a reminder.

You will need: coloured paper, pencils, scissors, pens.

Take your shoes and socks off and draw round both feet on the paper and cut them out. Write 'Do not worry' on one foot and 'God is with me' on the other. Get your parents to write it for you if you like.

Printable activities can be found by clicking on the links below

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