

The Lord of the Harvest

Session 2025-01

January 5, 2025

Hi Tweens,

Opening Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. In Jesus Name. Amen!

The story in this week's lesson "**The Lord of the Harvest**" is from the book of Matthew. In the book of Matthew, Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament promises. He is the King that God's people had been waiting for. As Matthew told the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, he described Jesus as King and Messiah. Jesus reigns over all and He has power over everything— even death. **Enjoy this week's story!**

Bible Passage: Matthew 9:35-10:14

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31b NIV

do it all for the glory of God.

Bible Verse: Matthew 9:38 NIV

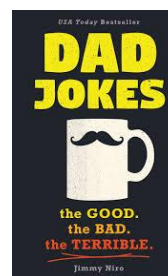
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Text Truth: Jesus calls His followers to pray for people to faithfully go and share the gospel with everyone.

Bible Skills Spotlight: Locate all the books of the Bible in a limited time frame

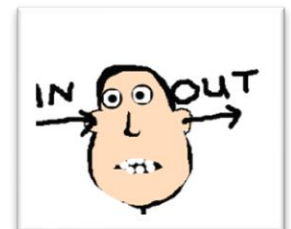
Here are 3 random facts about a New Year:

1. The island nation of Kiribati is the first country to see the New Year!
2. The country of Denmark is known for smashing plates on New Year's to ward off evil spirits!
3. Approximately 30 percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions, but fewer than 10 percent are successful at keeping them.



Q: What is a New Year's resolution?

A: Something that goes in one year and out the other.



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ENJOY THIS WEEK'S STORY!

- What job did Matthew have? (*Tax Collector*)
- In Bible times, tax collectors were hated by Jews. Religious leaders considered tax collectors the worst of sinners because they took money from their own people and often overcharged.
- Even though Matthew was not well liked by others, Jesus chose him to be one of His twelve disciples.
- When Jesus came to Matthew and said, 'Follow Me,' Matthew left his tax booth to follow Jesus, and Jesus gave Matthew a new job.

Jesus continued His ministry by traveling through the towns and villages. He taught in the synagogues and preached the good news. And He healed people with every type of sickness and disease. When Jesus saw the crowds of people, He had compassion for them. The people were distressed and sad. They were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said to the disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into His harvest."

Jesus was telling the disciples that many people are ready to hear the good news, but no



one is telling them about Jesus. Jesus called the disciples to pray that God would send more people out to tell

others the good news. Later, Jesus gathered all twelve of the disciples together. The twelve disciples were Simon, who is also called Peter, and Andrew, Peter's brother. There were James and John,

the sons of Zebedee. And there were Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew (a tax collector), James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus gave them the ability to drive out evil spirits and heal people of sickness and disease. Jesus told them: "Don't worry about visiting the Gentiles or Samaritans right now. Go to the people of Israel. Tell them that the kingdom of heaven is near. Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Heal the people with skin diseases. Drive away evil spirits. Don't collect gold, silver, or copper for your money-belt. Do not take a bag for the road. Don't take an extra shirt, sandals, or a staff.

"When you enter a town or village, find someone who is willing to listen and stay with them. Those who are willing to listen to you will give you food to eat. Greet the people of the house when you enter it and if they have listened to you, give them a blessing. If they do not listen to you, do not give them a blessing. If the people do not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave the town as a sign that they have rejected the good news."

Jesus called the disciples to pray for people to go and share the good news.

Then, Jesus sent the disciples to share the good news. Sadly, not everyone who hears the gospel will listen. But many people are ready to listen and need someone to go tell them the gospel. Believers are called to pray for people to faithfully go and share the gospel with everyone.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

- Everything Jesus told His disciples was important, but we want to highlight one

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instruction from Matthew 9 because it is an instruction for all of Jesus' followers.

READ MATTHEW 9:37-38

Remember our Text Truth: **Jesus calls His followers to pray for people to faithfully go and share the gospel with everyone.**

- There were many people in Bible times who were waiting to hear about Jesus. There are many people today who need to hear the good news about Jesus, too.

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to cameronfamily10@gmail.com. Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch, or come to church Sunday morning, call a friend, and try very hard in school this year, and remember

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.

The Tween Teachers

Shine! every Wednesday. Kid friendly dinner at 5:30pm and program at 6:00pm.

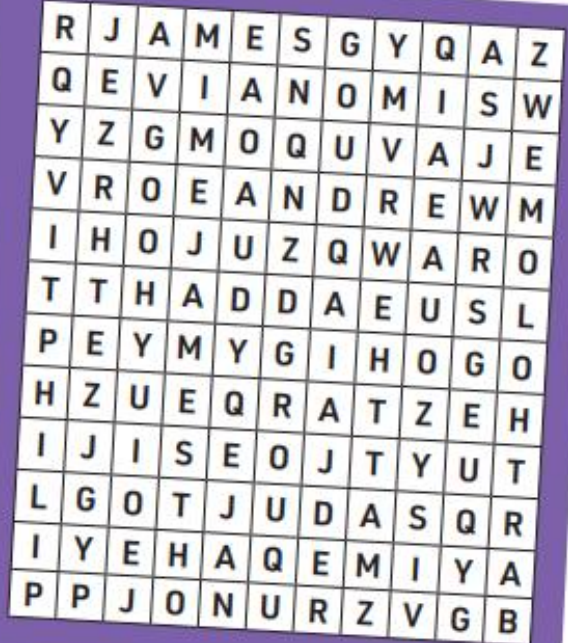


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TWELVE DISCIPLES WORD SEARCH

Find each disciple's name in the word search puzzle.
What did Jesus send the disciples out to share?

WORD BANK: Peter, Andrew, James (son of Zebedee), John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas



MISSING VOWEL CODE

Jesus said that the disciples should pray for the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the harvest. We can also pray for people to go and share the gospel with others. Complete each statement by using the code to find the missing vowels to reveal the good news of Jesus.

G _ D R _ L _ S. (Genesis 1:1)



W _ S _ NN _ D. (Romans 3:23)



G _ D PR _ V _ D _ D. (John 3:16)



J _ S _ S G _ V _ S. (Romans 5:8)



W _ R _ SP _ ND. (Romans 10:9-10,13)

