



## Week of Jun 25 - a

### Scripture: Mt 10:1-15

**Main Idea:** Jesus has chosen the twelve apostles and has now given them authority to do a variety of miracles. He tells them to rely on God for their needs, that will be provided by people who accept the message of the coming Kingdom. But he tells them there will also be people who reject them and don't want to hear about Jesus.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** If you try to tell a friend about Jesus, but they don't believe you, should you just stop telling everyone about Jesus since one friend didn't believe?

**Grade school:** Have you been rejected by people who don't want to hear about Jesus? It's hard to have a conversation with some people about God. If you invited someone to VBS and they said they didn't want to go, what would you do? Would that make you not want to invite anyone else?

**Teen:** Does God still want us relying on him for all of our needs? Are the things we need provided to us by God, regardless of how we received them on earth? Have you encountered someone who did not want to hear about or know God?

**Adult:** Have you studied with someone who made a decision not to follow Jesus? How did you feel? Did it change your relationship with the person? In reality, who were they rejecting? How much more do you think our Father in Heaven feels when someone rejects his Son? Especially since God sees us as children? How much harder would that be?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For God to help us share our faith with the lost and not be discouraged when people reject us.

#### June Memory Verse:

#### Psalm 107:1 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!



## Week of Jun 25 - b

### Scripture: Mt 10:16-33

**Main Idea:** Jesus warns his apostles that they will not only be rejected but they will also be severely persecuted. He comforts them by telling them the Holy Spirit will be with them to help them, and to not be afraid of those people but to trust in God who is the most powerful and who loves them very much.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Does God tell us that we will never be sick or hurt because we follow him? We will have times when we are sad. Do you think God will help us when we are sad, if we ask him to?

**Grade school:** Aren't you glad that we live now with religious freedom? Would you still go to Church service if you knew it could get you or your family killed? If you were sent to prison for going to church, would you be able to pray and sing? Sometimes it's your own family that will turn away from you if they don't agree with what you believe.

**Teen:** Fear can be a very powerful emotion. Does it help calm your fears when you remember God is greater than all else? Is it comforting to you to know you have a God that loves you so much (and knows you so well) that even your hairs have been numbered? He knows that number !

**Adult:** The first century Christians saw much persecution. 2000 years later, we still have persecution, although less in the U.S. than other places. Do you think it would be harder to convert someone if they knew, without a doubt, that their beliefs would cause them to be ill-treated or to face ridicule and hostility? What does God offer to these people? What could make them say "it is worth it?" Where are their eyes focused, here or eternity? Now look into the future. Do you think Christians in the U.S. will face increasing persecution? What makes you think that?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For God to help us have courage when experiencing persecution for our faith. For God to help us remember how much he loves us.

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