

## **Family Fellowship: Week Commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Yesterday at church we thought about the theme of going, we looked at how everyone who follows Jesus as their saviour has in some senses been sent. We thought about how some people are sent to places close to home, Jerusalem whilst others are sent further away even to the ends of the earth.

What we want to try and do this week is to get our children to think about the places they may have been sent, school, sports clubs, orchestra etc and get them to think about what it would look like for them to share the gospel there. We also want to get the kids to pray for different missionaries each day to help them see how we can support people who are telling others about Jesus.

Any questions please get in touch.

## **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Read:** Acts 1:7-8 (the passage we thought about yesterday in church)

**Chat:** What do you think it would be like to live in a different country? What are some of the things you might have to change and get used to? (different languages, different foods, maybe in some places even different religions).

Do you think it would be scary? The people Jesus was talking to in the bible passage were probably very afraid, Jesus was about to leave but Jesus promised them that He would be with them. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come and that would give them power to do tell people even to the ends of the earth about Jesus.

**Pray:** Pray today for Rob and Kyla Cuthbert in Senegal, pray for the work they do with Ambassadors Football. Pray that many people would come to know Jesus in Senegal.

## **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Read:** Acts 1:7-8

**Chat:** In church on Sunday we thought about how some of the people Jesus spoke to would be sent to Jerusalem, that was a place they knew and understood. Get the children to think about all of the different sports clubs and places they go during the week.

Take as many as they can think of, school, after school clubs, sports clubs, youth organisations (I know remember those), childminders maybe.

Encourage the children to think about how Jesus sends them to these places to be his witnesses to tell people there about Jesus. We don't want this to become a burden we lay on them that they have to do this and make them feel bad if they don't. Rather we want them to see the opportunities there might be for telling friends about Jesus.

**Pray:** Pray today for John and Sarah Kennedy in Phnom Penh and the work they do with Hope International School, pray that a return to school post Covid would be possible. Ask that boys and girls who are taught there would come to know Jesus as their saviour.

## **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Read:** John 10:10-11

**Chat:** Get the kids to think about why they do things. Why do you brush your teeth? So, they don't fall out, why do you have a shower? So that you aren't smelly, why do you eat your breakfast? So that you aren't hungry when you get to school. Do as many as you can think of.

Today we want to think about why we might tell people about Jesus. Ultimately of course because we want them to come to know God, we want them to have that right relationship with God.

**Pray:** Pray today for Luke and Charis Carson, pray for Luke as he takes up a new role with London City Mission, pray that through his ministry people who have had difficult lives so far would know freedom in Jesus.

## **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Read:** Romans 10:13-14

**Chat:** Play a game of charades, or similar or Taboo if you have it with the kids. Play routinely for a bit and then allow them to speak and say the words. Get them to think about which game was easier? Obviously, the game where you could use words was easier.

Remind the children that we have to live a consistent Christian life of course we do but remind them also that we have to tell people about Jesus as well. Just like the game its easier for people to understand if we use words so too when we preach, we have to use our words as well as our actions.

**Pray:** Pray today for Jonathon and Nicola McCracken in Claremorris. Pray that as they plant a church there that God would build up the church, that through their witness many people would come to know Jesus.

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Read:** John 14: 1-4

**Chat:** Ask the kids to design their dream house, what would they have in it? How many bedrooms? What size of TV? Would it have a swimming pool? Maybe some tennis courts? Even maybe (if time allows) get them to draw a picture of it.

Remind them of the words of Jesus that he has gone to prepare a place, a room for each one of those people who know him as their saviour. We want as many people as possible to have a room in the house that Jesus is getting ready for us and so we tell them about Jesus.

**Pray:** Pray today for the work of Avisai & Judith Suarez and the work they do with WEC, pray that God would bless the outreach amongst immigrants and refugees, that those people may find a true home in heaven.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>/ Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Chat:** chat about some of the things that perhaps you as parents have learned this week, chat about the excitement and joy that telling people about Jesus brings. Chat as well about some of the difficulties and problems that may arise. Social rejection, an increasingly intolerant age, be as honest as possible here but remind them that God gives His followers His power.

**Pray:** Encourage the kids to think about their non-Christian friends and to ask for opportunities to tell them about Jesus. Ask that God would bless us at church tomorrow and bless His word to us.