



**Mustard Seed Sunday School Lesson for February 3, 2008  
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**"Working for God"**

**Lesson: Luke 10:1–12, 17–20.**

**Read: Luke 10:1–12, 17–20.**

**Times: A.D. 29**

**Place: Judea**

**GOLDEN TEXT: "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT:**

**Luke 10:1–12, 17–20**

**1**After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

**2**Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

**3**Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

**4**Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

**5**And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

**6**And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

**7**And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

**8**And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

**9**And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

**10**But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

**11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.**

**12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.**

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**17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.**

**18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**

**19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

**20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

#### **TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON**

The harvest is great, Jesus told His friends (Luke 10:2). A valuable crop is ready to be gathered in. He said it is "truly" a large crop; we would most likely say "really big" crop. In fact, "great" is the same word used in Luke 5:6, when the disciples' net caught a "multitude" of fishes.

There is a problem, though. Compared to the number of waiting corps, the number of reapers is few. We are not told how many there are, but it is indeed a measly number considering the size of the task. More workers are needed than are available. So Jesus told His servants to pray. He said that the harvest is God's. Ask Him specifically to increase the number of harvesters.

This lesson introduces your primaries to the mission of the church and to the role they may play in it. The children will see that they too can tell others about Jesus and pray.

#### **THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach that God uses His people's words and also their prayers to take the gospel to the world.

#### **TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. When Jesus was on earth, He sent out friends to tell people about Him; He still does that today.
2. Many have not yet heard what Jesus has done for them.
3. Jesus said to ask God to send out more people to tell the good news.

#### **PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:**

For Telling the Lesson, take a globe or a map of the world, a flash card reading "70," and a picture of the crowd listening to Jesus.

For Helping to Remember, for each child, use a plate to draw as large a circle as possible on a sheet of blue construction paper to represent the world. Provide scissors and crayons.

#### **BEGINNING THE LESSON:**

Ann was playing in the backyard when she saw her mother coming with a big pan. "Where are you going?" Ann asked.

"To the garden," Mom said. "It is harvest time. The strawberries are ripe, and there are lots of berries to pick. In fact, I could use a good worker to help me."

"I will help!" Ann said. She ran to the garden and began looking for ripe berries to toss into Mom's pan.

When any kind of fruit is ready to be picked, the farmer and his workers say it is harvest time—time to go to the garden or orchard and pick all they can. One day Jesus talked to His friends about another kind of harvest and what they should do about it.

### **TELLING THE LESSON:**

Many people liked to hear Jesus teach and wanted Him to be their leader. (*Show Jesus and crowd.*) He chose twelve of these friends to be with Him. But one time He needed more than twelve helpers. He had something important for seventy of them to do. (*Show "70."*)

Jesus knew He soon would be traveling around to different places to teach about God and about being in God's kingdom. He wanted these seventy men to go ahead of Him and get people ready for Him to come. Two of them would go to that town over there. Two would go to this town over here. All seventy would be busy in different places. Because so many workers would spread the news, think of how many people would get to hear that Jesus was coming.

Now think of how many people are in the whole world. (*Show world map or globe.*) Before the seventy workers started out, Jesus said something about all those people. He said, "The harvest is large, but there are not many workers."

Jesus was not talking about a lot of strawberries needing to be harvested. He meant a harvest of people. Many, many people still need to be brought to Him, and not many workers are doing it. So Jesus said, "Pray." Ask God to send more workers to tell the world's people He sent Jesus to be their Saviour. (*Point to map or globe.*)

Jesus made the seventy friends able to heal any who were sick, for that would help people believe what they said. Then He sent them to get people in many places ready for Him to come.

The Bible does not say how long that took them, but when their work was done, the seventy men came back and told Jesus what had happened. Now, you know that God has an enemy, Satan, who hates Him and His people. The men were especially happy that Satan's helpers could not hurt them and had to do what they said. But Jesus said there was something better than that to be happy about. They were God's children. Their names were written down in heaven. They were to be especially happy about that.

Today the world is full of people who do not have their names written down in heaven. (*Point to map of globe.*) That is because they do not believe in Jesus. But they cannot believe in Him until they hear about Him. God's way is for those who know Jesus to tell them. That means you and me.

### **TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

Some of Jesus' friends go to tell the people who live far away. We call those friends missionaries. Some of Jesus' friends tell people they know. But Jesus said there is something He wants you to do no matter where you live. The harvest is large, but there are not very many workers. So pray, Jesus said. Ask God to send more workers to harvest people for Jesus, and He will.

### **HELPING TO REMEMBER:**

Let the children cut out their worlds, completely fill one side with drawings of people, and print "Pray" on the other side.

**EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:**

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

This is Jesus' way of saying that many men and women and boys and girls still do not know He died for them. He wants you to ask God to send out more people to tell them.

**MUSTARD SEED LESSON ACTIVITIES:**

**"Working for God" (Luke 10:1–12. 17–20)**

**CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:**

1. "After these things the Lord appointed other (**SAINTS, SEVENTY**) also, and sent them (**THREE, TWO**) and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come." LUKE 10:1

2. "Therefore said he unto them, The (**HARVEST, HEAT**) is great, but the labourers are (**FINE, FEW**): pray ye therefore the Lord of the (**WEST, HARVEST**), that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." LUKE 10:2

3. "Go your ways: behold I send you forth as (**LIZARDS, LAMBS**) among (**WOLVES, WATER BUFFALO**)." LUKE 10:3

4. "Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor (**SCISSORS, SHOES**): and salute no man by the way." LUKE 10:4

**TRUE OR FALSE:**

5. The disciples were to greet each house that they entered into with the words, "Peace be to this house." LUKE 10:5 **TRUE OR FALSE**

6. If the disciples were not greeted likewise with words of peace they were to spend the night in that home anyway. LUKE 10:6 **TRUE OR FALSE**

7. Jesus told His 70 disciples that they were to eat whatever food their host made available to them—without complaining. LUKE 2:46 **TRUE OR FALSE**

8. Jesus did *not* give His 70 disciples power to "heal the sick" that they were going to find along their missionary journey. LUKE 2:47 **TRUE OR FALSE**

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**Unscramble** each word in the second column and **match it** with the correct word in the first column. Draw a line connecting the two.

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| 1) HARVEST  | a) MESAN     |
| 2) LABOURER | b) SLBAM     |
| 3) SEVENTY  | c) SHOUE     |
| 4) CITY     | d) REBRALOUR |
| 5) PRAY     | e) TRASEHV   |
| 6) LAMBS    | f) DOOMS     |
| 7) WOLVES   | g) TESNEVY   |
| 8) PURSE    | h) NEEVAH    |
| 9) HOUSE    | i) TICY      |
| 10) PEACE   | j) RUPES     |
| 11) SODOM   | k) YARP      |
| 12) NAMES   | l) VOLEWS    |
| 13) HEAVEN  | m) CEEAP     |

**FILL IN THE BLANKS:**

1. "But into whatsoever \_\_\_\_\_ ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the same..." LUKE 10:10
2. "Even the very \_\_\_\_\_ of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is come night unto you." LUKE 10:11
3. "But I say unto you, that it shall be more \_\_\_\_\_ in the day for \_\_\_\_\_, than for that city." LUKE 10:12
4. "And the seventy returned again with \_\_\_\_\_, saying, Lord, even the \_\_\_\_\_ are subject unto us through thy name." LUKE 10:17

**TRUE OR FALSE:**

5. Jesus told His 70 disciples that He would *never* be with them in spirit when they went on their missionary journeys. LUKE 10:18 **TRUE OR FALSE**
6. The 70 disciples received power from Jesus to do supernatural events when they witnessed in His name. LUKE 10:19 **TRUE OR FALSE**
7. Jesus told the 70 disciples that they should not rejoice in the miracles they performed, but in the fact that their names were written in the "Lambs book of life" in heaven. LUKE 10:20 **TRUE OR FALSE**
8. Witnessing to others about salvation through Jesus Christ should *not* be a primary goal in the life of a Christian. **TRUE OR FALSE**

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