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Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Jesus called his 12 disciples together. He sent them to God's Old Testament people, the Jews, to tell them about Jesus and the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus gave the disciples the power they needed to preach the Word of God, heal the sick and even make dead people alive again.

Jesus told the men, "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic." Jesus wanted the disciples to trust God for everything they needed on this trip. He would take care of them as they went from place to place.

Jesus warned his followers that the job would

not be easy. Some people would not believe the good news. But the disciples did not have to be afraid. God would protect them everywhere they went and help them know exactly what to say.

After the disciples listened to Jesus, they obeyed him. They went from town to town preaching the good news that Jesus, God's Son, is the Savior. The disciples trusted God for the power to do the work Jesus had sent them to do.

Bible story based on Matthew 10:2-4; Luke 9:1-6; Matthew 10:17-20.

++ Telling Others ++

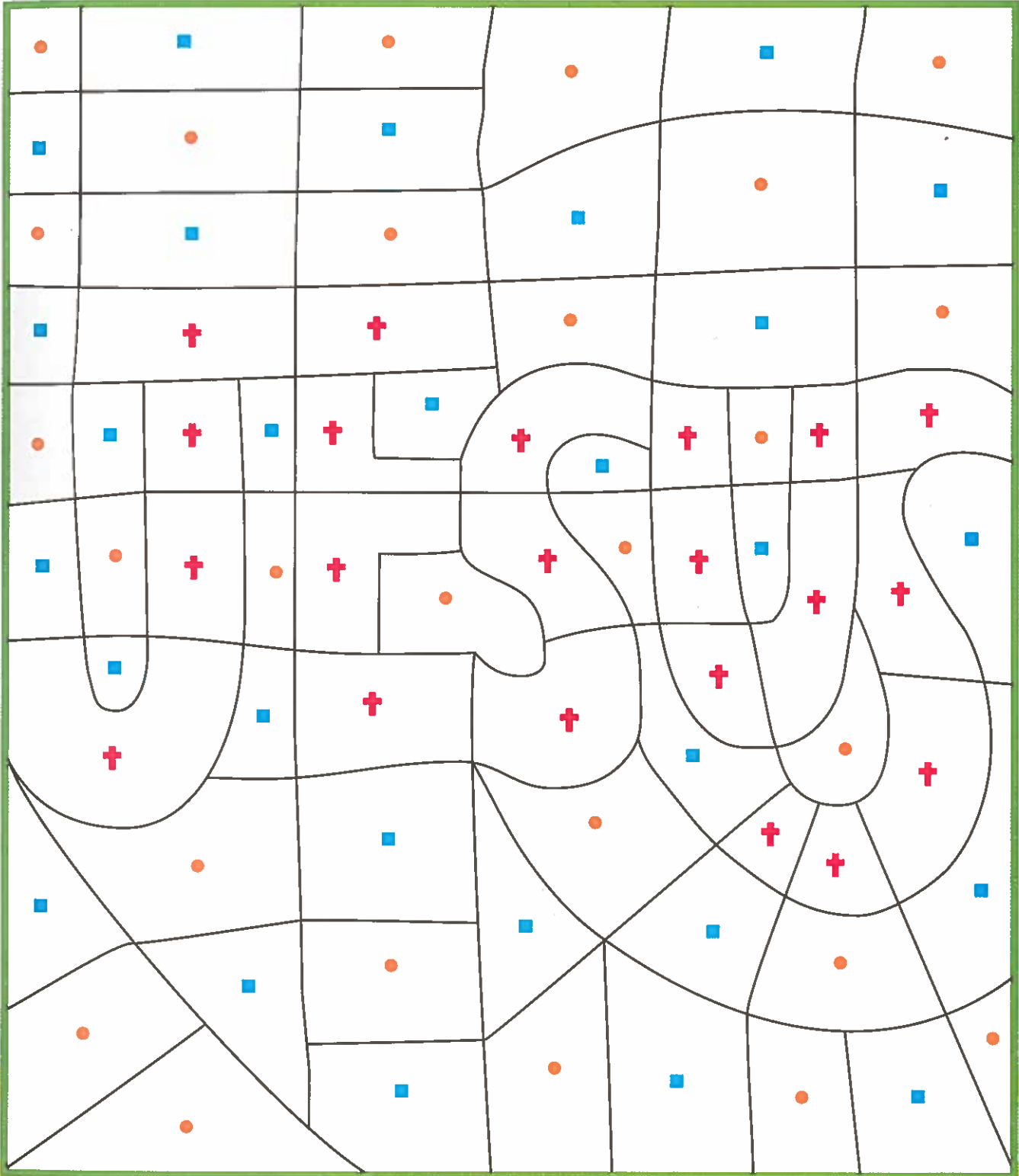
We can tell others the good news that Jesus is the Savior. Match the people to the correct pictures. Who can you tell about Jesus this week?



++ Power to Serve ++

Who gave the disciples the power they needed to trust and obey?

Color in only the spaces that have a cross + to find out.





Dear Family,

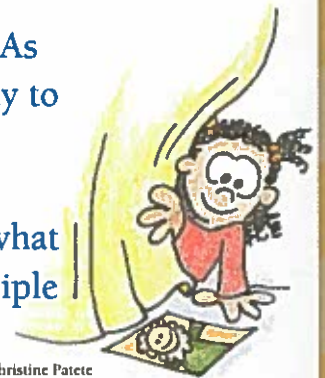
Your child learned that Jesus chose 12 disciples and equipped them with power to go out and tell others about the Savior and the coming of God's kingdom. The lesson focused on the truth that God gives his children everything they need to serve him. In class, Sunday school learners were encouraged to plan ways to tell and show others the love of Jesus this week, including inviting a friend or neighbor to Sunday school.



Projects for you & your child this week . . .



- Complete the *Come and Visit Our Sunday School Class* invitation. Mail or deliver it to a neighbor or friend.
- Your child brought home pictures of the disciples. Hide the 12 pictures around the house and have your child look for them. As each picture is found, name the disciple shown. This is one way to help your child identify Jesus' special followers and learners.
- Use a children's Bible handbook to help your child understand what the word *disciple* means. Help your child understand that a disciple is a *follower and learner*.



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Worship together

Pray that God will guide you in telling and showing others the love of Jesus. Then thank him for the opportunity to serve as his disciples.

Label a personal family calendar with names of those in your family and neighborhood for whom you wish to pray. Then pray for them daily.

Use your church's prayer calendar to pray for missionaries and others who are serving as Jesus' disciples in various ways.