

THE SENDING OF THE SEVENTY-TWO

On a Mission

Jesus sent a group of men on a mission. Luke 10:1–20 is like a mission briefing. This mission was not easy, but with God’s help, it was possible. Just as Peter learned in the previous lesson, when Jesus directs our efforts, the results are greater than we could ever expect. The disciples who accepted this mission from Jesus found similar results. Look up the following verses and provide the missing information about the mission on which Jesus sent the Seventy-two.

Verse 2: [Jesus] said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore,

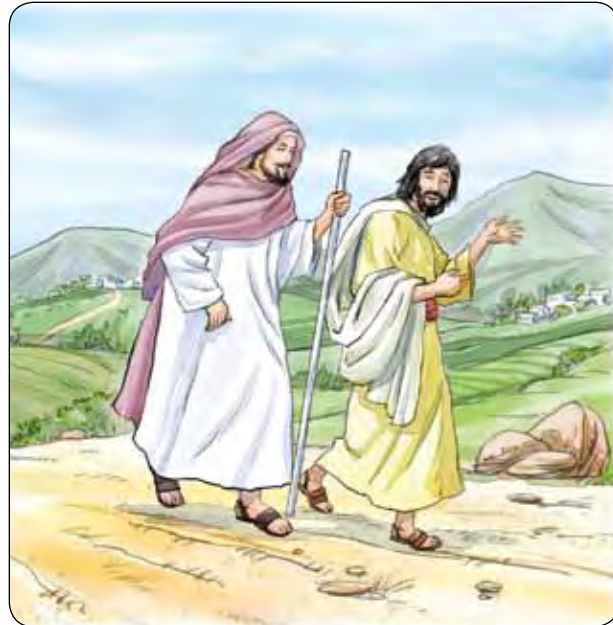
_____.”

Verse 3: “Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as _____.”

Verse 4: “Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and _____.”

Verses 8–9: “Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘_____.’”

Verses 10–11: “But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your



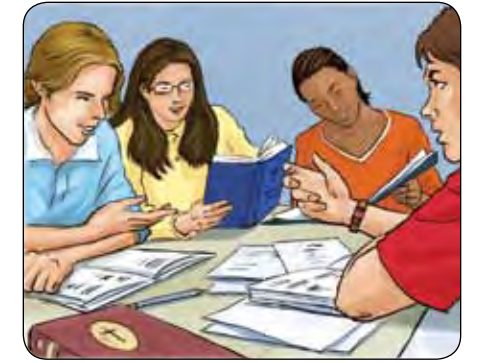
town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that _____.”

Verses 17–20: “The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!’ And He said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice _____.’”

Message Received or Rejected

The unrepentant cities of Chorazin and Bethsaida—encountered by the disciples—got some bad news, didn’t they? Consider the Bible lesson again. In Luke 10:6, Jesus explains the first sign that the people may not be open to their message. Then, in Luke 10:10–16, Jesus talks about how those who reject are to be treated.

This is a tricky subject to understand. How do we come to believe in Jesus? Why do some people reject Him? What part do we play in becoming Christians? Think about these questions and write your answers in the space below. Think about what you’ve learned in other religion lessons in school, at church, and at home.



Our Mission

The Bible provides some pretty specific ideas about the ways we can share our faith and live as Jesus’ disciples. You don’t have to be an amazing preacher or teacher to spread God’s Word. You don’t need to know how to sing or dance or play the guitar. You don’t always need to talk about your faith out loud. Read the following verses and look for God’s message, showing you clearly how He will give you power to carry out His plan for sharing the Gospel message.

Mark 11:24

John 3:16–20

Ephesians 2:4–5

Philippians 2:12–16

Philippians 4:6–7

REVIEW

sackcloth—

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REMEMBER

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16