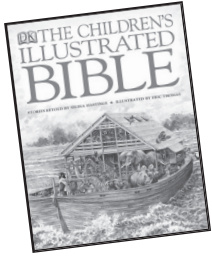
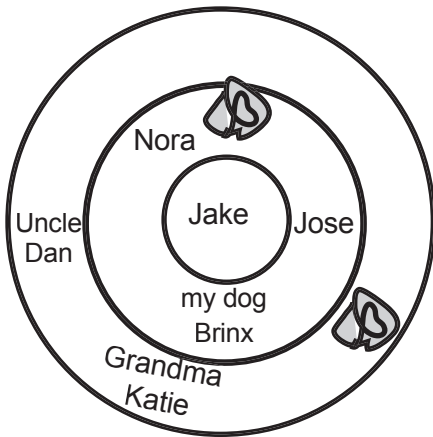


# Ordinary Time, Proper 6



The Children's Illustrated Bible  
page 282

Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is full, but there are only a few workers." He called his twelve disciples to go out to heal and help others, to cure every disease and sickness. Jesus said, "As you go to help others, tell them the good news. And remember, you have received blessings without paying for it; help others without expecting payment from them."  
—Matthew 9:35–10:8 adapted



## Jesus Asks Us to Give

Share the story of Jesus telling his disciples to help others from Matthew 9:35–10:8, and share the drawing of Jesus and his disciples in *The Children's Illustrated Bible* on page 282. When Jesus told his disciples that the harvest was full, he referred to the work farmers do gathering in the crops and preparing them for market. But Jesus says that there are few workers. Imagine trying to harvest a whole field of wheat with only a few people. The work Jesus talked about was caring for others, healing and helping them, and sharing the good news about God. Jesus said there was much to be done, but few to do the work.

Form kids into two teams, giving each a roll of paper towels and markers. Have each team make a long list of all the needs people might have: a teacher with an illness, a family on food stamps, a dangerous neighborhood, children without parents, etc. When done, compare their lists, hanging them on the wall.

Now write names of the kids next to the needs that people have: Who here would like to help a person with cancer? Who can help someone who doesn't have enough food, etc.? Kids will quickly see that the jobs are big, and there are too few kids to help everyone.

Jesus also said to remember the blessings we have received. We should not expect to be paid for helping others. Give kids drawing materials, and have them draw a time they helped another without expecting to be paid back.

## Work Teams

Have kids form teams, and give each team a cardboard "harvest wagon" (a box lid or a piece of cardboard cut from a refrigerator box). One kid from each team rides the wagon while other team members pull it, grabbing it from the front and sides. Have all the teams line up at a starting line to pull their wagon around the room and back. When back at the starting line, the rider has to shout one thing they could tell people about Jesus, such as "Jesus has work for you to do!" Switch riders until everyone has a turn. Discuss the following:

1. How did your team work together?
2. When you help others, do you have a team to help you?

Adapted from *The Humongous Book of Games for Children's Ministry*, page 102. (See Resources, page 111.)

## Aim for Love!

On poster boards, draw a bull's-eye or target for each kid. In the center circle, kids write their name. In the next ring, they write the names of people who love them (siblings, friends). In the next ring they write the names of people who love the first group of people (parents, grandparents).

Play a game of darts so kids can enjoy sharing love. Give several lengths of masking tape to each kid, which they roll up, sticky side out, into a ball. Tape all targets to the wall in a row, then have kids line up about six feet away. Have them throw "love-darts" at the people on their target, trying to get a sticky love dart on each one.

# KidsPage

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Draw your **3** favorite things.  
 Underneath, write how you  
 share them with others.

## Word Search

Find the hidden words which are horizontal, vertical, diagonal, or backwards.

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