

# LESSON #5

## TWO AND TWO TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS



### SCRIPTURE

- Luke 10:1–2 Jesus sends out the seventy to share the “good news.”
- D&C 104:13 The seventy are organized and have the task of helping the Twelve build the church.
- D&C 163:5b–c The Twelve and seventy work closely together to share the story of Jesus.

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**Rules shall be made to have the seventy and the apostles work together. The apostles, Presidents of Seventy, and other seventy should spend time together to create ways to share Jesus’ story.**

**163:5b–c adapted**

### OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn about the ministry of the seventy.
- Children will learn why it is important for the seventy to work with the Twelve to share the story of Jesus.
- Children will identify ways they can share the story of Jesus with others and suggest to the seventy how they can prepare the way for the Twelve to share Christ’s peace.

### MATERIALS

- an illustrated children’s Bible (New Revised Standard Version)
- a children’s Bible (NRSV) for each child, if possible
- string or twine
- poster board and markers, or chalkboard and chalk
- a copy of D&C 163:5b–c adapted, printed on paper for each child
- paper and pencil

### DISCOVERY

Luke 10:1–2 describes the events that surrounded Jesus calling the seventy. Part of the scripture tells us they were sent out by twos. In Doctrine and Covenants 163:5b–c the seventy are instructed to be forerunners of peace and are to prepare the way for the apostles to share messages of peace. This suggests that the seventy are also sharing the story and messages of peace.

This activity involves the children working in twos to learn how to spread the message of Christ’s peace.

Read the Luke scripture and the adapted scripture for today. Afterwards have the children number off so that they will be paired together, i.e, ones with ones, twos with twos, etc. Give the twine to the children, and, if able, have them tie their ankles together. After the children are paired up and ready, instruct them, when given the signal, to go as fast as they can with their partner to the finish line and write down (on a chalkboard or posterboard) a way the seventy can help to prepare the way for the story to be shared.

**ALIYAH** (ah-LEE-ah) is a new resource for children based on scripture, including Doctrine and Covenants 163. D&C 163 is an affirmation of paths taken and an encouragement of ways to move onward. ALIYAH is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God.

One lesson each month will be posted on this Web site to be downloaded and used for church school, junior church, or other times to connect children to the vision of the church. Parallel lessons are provided for youth and adults. Enjoy the journey together!

## UNPACKING THE SCRIPTURE

### WE ARE ONLY TWO. WHAT DO WE DO?

Have the children pull their copies of Doctrine and Covenants 163:5b–c, adapted, from their backpacks to read in unison. In Doctrine and Covenants 163:5b–c it is suggested that the seventy be “forerunners of Christ’s peace.” Ask the children if they know what forerunner means. A simple definition is one who goes ahead of another and prepares the way. An example would be that John the Baptist was a forerunner for Jesus. John knew Jesus was coming and prepared the way for people to understand Jesus’ message. Using the information from the Discovery exercise, discuss how the seventy “prepare” the way for the Twelve to share the story of Jesus. What do they do? Why is it important? The seventy are also to prepare the way to share Christ’s peace. Discuss further with the children what peace means to them and how the seventy might share it with others.



### THE SEVENTY AND ME

The seventy are instructed to be forerunners of Christ’s peace. Preparing the way can be a pretty big job. Distribute paper and pencils to the children. Ask them to write a message to the seventy. In their messages ask the children to write how they can be peacemakers and share Christ with others. Also ask the children to write a suggestion to the seventy of how they can prepare the way. These may be mailed to:

Presidents of Seventy  
Community of Christ  
1001 West Walnut  
Independence, MO 64050

### FORERUNNERS

The children have learned about the ministry of the seventy and their relationship with the Twelve. In closing have the children run the twine race again and see if they come up with different responses to how the seventy can prepare the way so we may better understand the stories and lessons of Jesus.

## PACKING FOR THE JOURNEY

It’s time to pack for the journey ahead. Have children pack their children’s pages in their backpacks or bags. Ask them what they have learned today about the seventy and the Twelve. Ask if it is possible for them to go out and be forerunners of Christ’s peace. If so, how will they do it?

### ARE WE THERE YET?

To extend this lesson for a rotation model or for intergenerational or additional learning, try the following:

- Share the story of two trains that were different but had much in common: *Two Little Trains* by Margaret Wise Brown (ISBN 978-0064435680).
- Explore ways you can be partners and forerunners of Christ’s peace. Invite the congregation to help the children discover opportunities to be partners in peace.

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# Aliyah

Equipping children and youth for the journey



**ALIYAH** is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God. Are you ready for **ALIYAH**?

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TO SHARE THE  
GOOD NEWS**  
Children's Page

In Luke 10:1–2 the seventy are instructed to go out by twos. The seventy were, and are, partners sharing the good news. Who can you partner with to share the good news?

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How will you share the good news?

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## SEVENTY WAYS TO SHARE PEACE

“The seventy are to be the forerunners of Christ’s peace.” On a separate sheet of paper can you write seventy things they can do to prepare the way?

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### OWNER'S GUIDE

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created by \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will be a “forerunner of Christ’s peace” by sharing Jesus’ lessons with:

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