

What the apostles do



Matthew 28: 19, 20

Our apostles work all over the world in the name of Jesus. They teach and strengthen the faith of the souls entrusted to them. As messengers in Christ's stead they proclaim God's word and will in all continents. They baptize, seal and forgive sins in Jesus' name. They ordain ministers to assist them in caring for God's children.

God's children are glad and thankful to have these apostles all over the world.

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The children learn to esteem and appreciate the living apostles who act in the name of Jesus all over the world.

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will remember that Simone was spending a few days with her grandmother.

It is evening. Expectantly Simone sits down beside her grandmother. Then Granny starts:

"Yesterday I said that the apostles had received very important tasks from Jesus. They were to represent Christ on earth until his return."

"But Granny, you said yesterday that the apostles had been given an even more important task by the Lord Jesus," interrupts Simone impatiently. "I am coming to that. God loves all people. For this reason the Lord Jesus said to his apostles: 'Go out and teach all nations.' We know that the first apostles did this. Apostle Paul, for instance, went on very long journeys."

"We heard about that in Sunday-school," interjects Simone.

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Grandmother continues: "I've looked for some reports in the OUR FAMILY which depict how the apostles work all over the world, visiting many nations."

Grandmother and Simone look at the photographs.

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When they come to the last photograph, Simone exclaims in surprise: "But this service did not even take place in a church." Grandmother explains: "You are quite right, the word of God is not only proclaimed in churches. In places where there are no churches yet, divine services take place in other locations or even out in the open air. Can you see now, Simone, that the apostles are active everywhere?"

"But Granny, isn't it dangerous for the apostles to travel all over the world?"

"Not only that, but you can see for yourself that such journeys are also very tiring. That is why it is so very important that we always pray and ask the Lord for special protection for the chief apostle, the apostles and other ministers. They need the intercession of all God's children so that they can fulfil their great tasks. The children can also pray for them." That night Simone and her grandmother pray especially for the chief apostle and the apostles.

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Apostles are messengers in Christ's stead



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"Go therefore to all nations and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. I will be with you always, to the end of time."

- 1 We remind the children of the lesson "The conversion of the jailer at Philippi."**
- 2 We look at the photographs and let the children speak about them first.**
- 3 Why do the apostles undertake these journeys?
We explain to the children the commission they received from the Lord Jesus.**
- 4 We remind the children of the first lesson (Apostle Peter in prison) and of its focal point: intercession.
Then we pray with the children especially for the angels' protection for the apostles and all ministers on their travels. The children may pray too!**
- 5 The report of an apostle of today (possibly their own) concerning activities in foreign lands, could supplement these lessons.**