**Whirl Summer Lectionary**

**July 3, 2022**

**Following Jesus**

**Objective:** We are all one in Christ!

**Materials: chart paper**

**Procedures:**

**Opening Activity Time:**

After everyone has arrived and had a few minutes to play, invite them to gather on the carpet.

Today is the fourth Sunday in the long Season after Pentecost.

Invite the children to take a few minutes to talk about their week. Did you have any new experiences this week? What was the most interesting?

Let’s do our weekly 30-second Know the Bible activity. Give every small group a Bible or two and sticky notes. Find Luke, chapter 10, and mark it with a sticky note. Challenge the groups to a race. When everyone has found it, read verse 1 aloud together

**Story:**

In today’s story from Luke’s gospel, Jesus is traveling through the countryside teaching people what it means to follow him. Jesus wants his followers to go out in pairs ahead of him to tell perfect strangers about him.

Divide the group into pairs. Ask older kids to partner with younger kids to help them. Invite each pair to talk for one minute about what they would tell a stranger about Jesus. Then take two minutes to listen to a few of their ideas.

As you tell this story, have kids walk around the space and act out what you are saying. Jesus had faith in his followers. He sent them out in pairs to bring the good news of God’s love to people who didn’t know about him at all. The followers asked what they should bring with them on their journey. Jesus said something surprising: “Don’t bring anything with you! No suitcase, no bag, no sandals. And don’t say anything to anyone along the road. If people in a town don’t welcome you, brush the dust off your sandals and move on. When you find people who welcome you, say, ‘Peace to this house!’ Heal the sick and tell everyone about God.”

Talk about the story:

• I wonder why Jesus asked people to go out in pairs.

• Why do you think Jesus asked people to travel without bringing anything with them?

• If two people knocked on your door, would you invite them in to stay with you for as long as they wanted to?

• Who tells you about Jesus?

**CONNECT**

IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOME

Supplies: Chart Paper

Jesus’ followers were welcomed into homes and taken care of by the people who lived there. Form groups of four or five kids, and ask each group to discuss these questions. What would you do if Jesus’ followers came to your home? What kind of food would you serve? Where would they sleep? What would you do together? What would you talk about? Have them draw and write what they come up with on their chart paper. Then, have them share it with the group.

**Closing:**

Gather kids, thanking them for the fun and learning you have enjoyed during your time together. Ask everyone to stand and link arms in a circle. Tell us one new thing you learned today.

Close by praying the prayer together.

Teaching Jesus, Thank you for people who tell us and others about you. Amen.