

Luke 10:1-16 - Interactive Story

Prep Work

- Before you tell the story, print out pictures of various places, spread them out and tape them on the walls of the room where you will be.
- Underneath each picture have a box prepared for the kids. Each box should be a bit different. One box should be empty and only have a piece of paper that says "This is not a house of peace." Other boxes should be full of snacks and drinks and a piece of paper with a list of things for which the kids can pray.
- Have a bunch of lambs ears ready. (the kind that kids can put on their heads and pretend to be sheep)

Start telling the story

- Get all the kids together in the centre of the room. Tell them that they are going on a trip and the point of this trip is to tell others about Jesus.
- If any of the kids have bags or shoes on ask them to leave them with you in the middle of the room.
- Give all the kids a pair of lamb ears to wear and tell them that they are going out like lambs amongst wolves. (you will probably need to stop at this point and explain what that means)
- Pair all the kids up and send them to different pictures on the wall.
- Once each pair is at their picture, ask them to repeat after you "Peace to this house" Then ask them to open their box.
- Ask them what they found in their box. If they find food and drink and a list of prayers, encourage them to have a seat, have a snack and pray for the things on the list.
- If they found nothing in their box, ask them to come back to the centre with you and wipe the bottoms of their feet. (have a snack ready for the kids who come back to the middle of the room.
- Once everyone has had their snack and prayed, ask them all to come back to the centre of the room. Tell them that Jesus did something very similar to what we just did with 70 or maybe even 72 people.

Say something like this

Jesus gathered 72 people and he sent them in pairs to different towns. It was a mission and they had to get going quickly, so no packing or bringing an extra bag and no talking to people along the way.

Once they got to the town the plan was to tell everyone about Jesus and how he was changing the world. They were supposed to stay at someone's house and eat and drink. They were supposed to pray for people and heal the sick all in Jesus name.

Now, could you imagine what would happen if you knocked on someone's house and you didn't have anything but you were there to tell you about Jesus and they didn't walk to let you in? Well, Jesus told the 72 what to do if that happened. They were supposed to go to and shake the dust off their feet. They were also supposed to know that if a person rejected one of the 72, that person also rejected Jesus because Jesus was the one who sent the 72 out in the first place.

When the 72 came home after their trips, they were so excited and had lots of stories to tell. Jesus said that "He saw satan fall like lightning from heaven".