

## Matthew: Jesus Sends Out Twelve Disciples Matthew 10



Jesus gives his disciples authority to do the amazing miracles he's been doing. He gives them a pep talk and encourages them to carry his message to anyone who'll hear it, to endure persecution, and to love him more than anything.  
Jesus trusts us to do what he can do.

*"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*

### Through the Week

Each day this week, choose one of the following ideas to do as a family. Live like Jesus did!

- Give Freely: When you're in line for coffee or fast food, pay for the person behind you.
- Give Freely: Buy a gift card for a fast food chain. Carry it in your car so you're prepared to give it away the next time you see someone asking for food.
- Announce Jesus' Message: Make and post a YouTube video telling why you love Jesus.
- Care About Outcasts: Think of someone who doesn't have many friends. Deliver them a treat or send them a card.
- Help the Sick: Call someone who is sick. Tell jokes or funny stories to cheer that person up.
- Help the Sick: Make get-well cards and send them to your local hospital.
- Help Others: Call your neighbors and ask what chores you can do to help them out.

### Get Power

No one can miraculously heal another person using their own power. It's like this toy. *(Hold up a battery-operated toy.)*

Right now, this toy has no batteries. It can't do anything because it doesn't have power. *(Allow kids to push buttons and see that it can't do anything.)*

How is this toy like us without Jesus?

Why do we need Jesus' power in our lives?

On our own, we can't do *anything* Jesus can do. We can't raise the dead or heal the sick, and we can't live or love the way he did. We need to have his power working through us.

*(Put the batteries in the toy)* These batteries are like Jesus' power. When Jesus works through us, we can show his love in all kinds of amazing ways! Jesus can work through you to show his love to someone who needs it. Jesus trusts us to do what he can do.

### Talk About This...

- If you could do *anything* Jesus did, what would you want to do most? Why?