

Jesus Equips Harvesters to Announce His Kingdom

About 5 minutes, from Luke 10

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Faithful

Fretter

Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Faithful Hello. My name is Faithful.
Jesus is sending us disciples in pairs to announce his Kingdom
to the towns of Israel that he will visit soon after.
Oh! Here comes my coworker, Mr. Fretter.

Fretter Mr. Faithful, I'm leaving now, while the weather is good.
Goodbye!

Faithful Wait, Fretter! Jesus told us to go in pairs.
We must travel together.

Fretter Okay, grab your raincoat; it might storm.
Better take a change of clothes, too.

Faithful Not so fast! Jesus said not to take extra clothing.

Prompter & Echoes No extra baggage!

Faithful You are in too much of a hurry, Fretter.
Jesus said to pray first for more harvesters.

Fretter Yeah, and we'll need God's help to face those wolves, too.
Jesus said we'd be like lambs among wolves.
What kind of wolves did he mean?

Faithful We will soon find out, Fretter.

Fretter Wait, Faithful. I will fill these bags with dried fish and bread,
and get some money.

Faithful No, Fretter! Jesus said to let our hosts feed us.

Prompter & Echoes God will supply our needs.

Fretter Oh, that's right. I guess I worry too much.

Faithful Now, We start out.
On the way, friends beg us to stay with them for a while.

Fretter Faithful, let us spend a day or two with my friends here.
My aunt lives nearby.
She serves visitors delicious kosher food.

Faithful No! Jesus said not to greet people on the way.
Let us not allow anyone to sidetrack us.
We can stop by your aunt's place on our way back.

Prompter & Echoes Keep focused.

Faithful We travel on. Look, Fretter, here is one of the towns that Jesus sent us to.

Fretter Finally!
Let us go sing in the town square and attract a crowd.

Faithful No. Jesus said to find persons of peace.
We are to stay with them, and eat what they give us.
He meant persons who will help us meet their friends,
so we can tell them about Jesus.

Prompter & Echoes Persons of peace!

Fretter Well, I hope our peace person can cook.
I am starved. What if the food isn't kosher?

Faithful Jesus said to eat whatever they give us.
Let us stop worrying about our own needs.
We are to pray for the sick in Jesus' name
and proclaim his Kingdom.

Fretter Oh, that is right,
but what do we do if we do not find
a hospitable person of peace?

Faithful Then we go elsewhere; Jesus said to shake the dust from our feet;
leave those who do not receive him.

Prompter & Echoes Go to more receptive people!

Fretter That guy is building a fence around his house.
Maybe he is a man of peace.

Faithful Oh, no! He turned his dog loose to chase us away!

Prompter & Echoes Woof! Woof!

Fretter Now, after another home rejects us, we find a family of peace.

Faithful Thank God! We stay in their home,
announce that God's Kingdom is near, and heal sick folk in Jesus' name.

Fretter Now we have returned to Jesus, and I tell him joyfully,
"Lord, we cast tormenting devils out of people.
That was exciting! Evil spirits yielded to the authority of your Name."

Faithful Jesus is not impressed.
He says not to rejoice because demons are subject to us,
but to rejoice because our names are written in heaven.

Prompter & Echoes Rejoice!