

## Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

### Jesus shares his message

#### INTRODUCTION

Jesus wanted to reach everyone with his message of eternal life and touch all lives with his love, so he sent his disciples out into the world so that through them others would come to know him.

#### SIGN OF THE CROSS

#### LIGHT THE CANDLES

As we look at the light from the candle flames, let us remember that Jesus is the light of the world.

#### SORRY

Encourage the children to close their eyes and listen to the words of this prayer:

Dear God, help us to forgive  
anyone who has hurt us,  
just as you forgive us.

If we have done wrong  
by our words or our actions,  
we ask your pardon.

#### GLORIA

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Help us to understand your message, Lord,  
and to share it with others.

Alleluia, alleluia.

#### GOSPEL (LUKE 10:1-12, 17-20)

Jesus chose seventy-two disciples and sent them out in pairs to all the towns and villages he would visit saying, "Take nothing with you, and wherever you are welcomed, make the first words you speak be, 'Peace be with you.' Stay if you are invited to, and eat and drink whatever you are given. Cure the sick and share the Good News of God's love with everyone. If you find people unfriendly or unkind, leave them and their village and go elsewhere."

Soon the disciples returned and told Jesus about the marvelous things they had seen and done. Jesus said to them, "Be happy, indeed, because your names are written in heaven."

#### DISCUSSION

Jesus knew that he would need help to take the message of God's love to people throughout the world. He sent the disciples out to prepare the people for him to come into their lives.

Imagine you were being sent on a journey by Jesus. What do you think you might need?

- Something to eat and drink;
- clothes;
- a map;
- protection from the weather;
- insect repellent.

What did Jesus tell the disciples to take? Jesus told them to take few belongings for their journey but to trust God to take care of them. People would see their goodness and would treat them with kindness and generosity.

Jesus wanted the disciples to share the love and peace of God through their actions and words. He told them to cure the sick and to teach the people about the goodness of God, so that they would let him into their hearts.

As Christians, or followers of Jesus, we take his love and peace out to the people we meet today, just as the disciples did so long ago.

#### ACTIVITY

Today's activity is designed to make the children appreciate how difficult it was at the time of Jesus to travel and communicate with other people. Cut out a series of circles and write one of the following on each: sailboat, airplane, feet, telephone, horse and cart, car, donkey, train, television, power boat, helicopter, and bus.

Ask each child to choose a circle and draw a picture illustrating their particular word. Then fasten the pictures on a large piece of cardboard under one of the two headings: "then" and "now." After, discuss the differences between then and now.

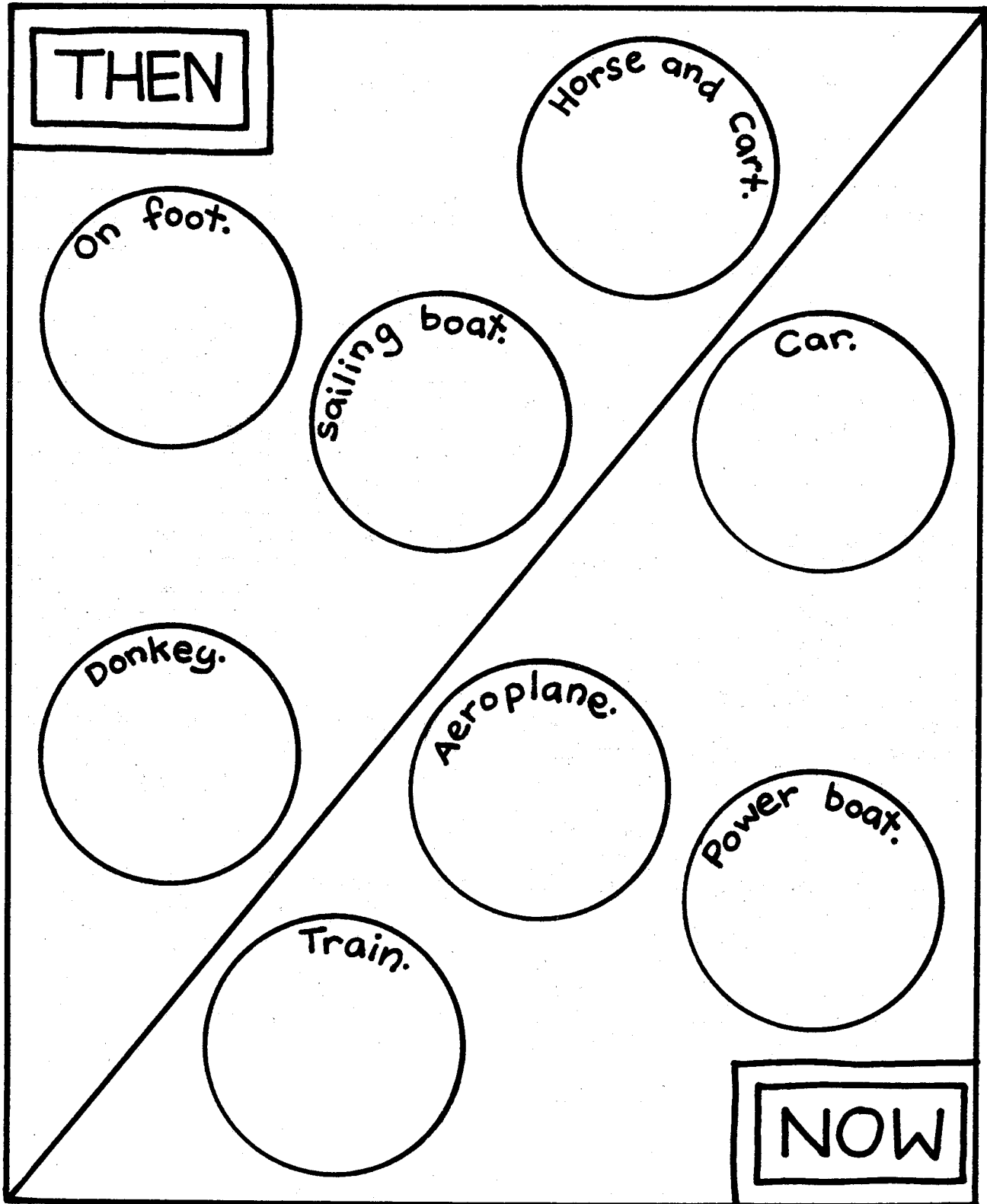
You can also copy the worksheet on the opposite page and use it for the same activity.

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#### CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, we pray for everyone  
who shares your message  
of love and peace  
with the world.

“GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD  
AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS”



THEN

On foot.

Horse and Cart.

Sailing boat.

Car.

Donkey.

Aeroplane.

Power boat.

Train.

NOW