

Children and family talk for 4th July 2021

Hello everyone, it's good to have you with me as we explore more of the Bible together and praise God. We will start by singing:

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. X2

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, oooo,
We are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God,
We are living in the love of God, X2

We are living, living,
We are living, ooooo,
We are living in the love of God,

We are moving in the power of God,
We are moving in the power of God, X2

We are moving, moving,
We are moving, oooooo,
We are moving in the power of God.
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Our Bible reading today is from **Mark 6, verses 6-13**

Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people. And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick – no food, no travellers bag, no money. He allowed them to wear sandals but not take a change of clothes.

“Wherever you go” he said, “stay in the same house until you leave town. But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake it’s dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.”

So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

Now let’s sing again; **Keep on walking**

Keep on walking when the path is rough
Keep on walking when your life gets tough
Keep on walking when you’ve had enough
Keep on walking with Jesus X3

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Let's talk about our Bible verses

Hi Mickey, what have you got there?

M: I'm packing for my holiday!

S: Oh, so what have you packed so far? Let's have a look. Hmm, there's a banana, and there's another banana, and oh, guess what, there's another banana – Mickey have you only packed bananas?

M: No, I put something in for you too!

S: what is it, let's have a look, oh, thanks Mickey, just what I need for my holiday.

Jesus told his disciples not to pack heavy, in fact he told them not to pack anything except

- the sandals on their feet...,
- and their walking stick

What would you take on a journey? What is important to you?

Jesus didn't want the disciples to get loaded down with possessions, and he wanted them to trust in God to provide for them.

Sometimes we forget we can trust God to provide for us, and we worry, worry, worry. Like the people who panic bought toilet rolls at the supermarkets as the lockdown happened! God doesn't want us to get so loaded down with possessions that we forget our true purpose.

He also told the disciples not to worry if people didn't want to listen to their message, he said they should just shake the dust off and move on. We can tell people about God's message of love, but if they don't want to listen, we don't have to worry, we can move on to the next person.

So, if you get the chance to talk to someone about God this week, be brave and do it! If they don't want to know, then just move on.

Let's talk to God now:

Dear God,

We want to trust you and not to worry about things.

Help us to trust in you, help us not to get tied down with lots of things we don't really need.

And, Lord, make us brave to speak to people about your love.

Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

The activity sheet from roots: [activity-sheet-4-july-2021.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-4-july-2021.pdf)