

New Workers

based on Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9–23)

Day after day, Jesus told crowds of people about God's love and healed people who were sick.

All these people, thought Jesus, they are like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus also knew he couldn't help so many people by himself. He chose twelve men who were his good friends to help him. They were Peter (also called Simon), his brother Andrew, James and John (the sons of Zebedee), Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew (the tax collector), James (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon (from Canaan), and Judas. Jesus gave them the power to heal every kind of sickness.

But before they could heal people, Jesus had instructions for them.

"Go to the towns where God's people live. Say, 'God's kingdom is close to you!' Heal the people in the town. Don't ask them to pay you. Don't take a purse or money bag on this trip. You won't need it."

Circle the items that may help heal someone.

