

Children's Story

Call to Giving

Loving God, you called the apostles to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. We are living proof of the effectiveness of their mission; here today, called to be your followers, because of an unbroken line of faithfulness from then to now.

These gifts are a small token of our commitment to be witnesses in this generation; a down payment on the promise of all of our lives available for your good purposes. Amen.

Response

To God be the glory (refrain)

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Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

Acts 1:6-11

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Message

Don't just stand there!

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

Blessed are they

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Benediction

106 All hail the power of Jesus' name

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed of the
 3 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 4 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and
 fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and

crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the roy - al
 crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you
 crown him Lord of all! To him all maj - es -
 crown him Lord of all! We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
 last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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Blest are they

BLEST ARE THEY Irregular

G^{sus} G D/F# C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; — they shall in -
 3 Blest are they — who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they — who seek peace; — they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, — all — be -

D^{sus} G^{sus} G G^{sus} G

king - dom of God. — — — — — Blest are they —
 her - it the earth. — — — — — Blest are they who
 shall — be theirs. — — — — — Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. — — — — — Blest are they who
 cause — of me. — — — — — Re - joice, be glad, —

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full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. — — — — —
 hun - ger and thirst; — — — — — they shall have their fill. — — — — —
 pure of heart — — — — — they — — — — — shall see God! — — — — —
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. — — — — —
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see. — — — — —

FAITH JOURNEY: Affirming faith

Refrain

C D G D/F# Em G/D

Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____

C G/B Am A/C# D

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you. Re -

C D Em Em/D C

joice _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the

Dsus D C/G G Gsus to stanzas G Fine

king - dom of God! _____