

Chapter 21

One Family

They became Jesus' followers.

Luke 5:11

For the Parents:

In chapter 21 your child learned to:

- Name the varied good works that missionaries do
- Commit himself or herself to doing God's work
- Choose ways to support missionary activity

When Jesus commissioned the Twelve, he did not just fling them out to the four winds. He asked them to travel light, to stay with the local population, to proclaim that the kingdom was near to hand, and to spread peace. As we know, the presence and message of the Twelve spread eventually to the very ends of the earth, transcending mountains and crossing oceans. The message of salvation was so attractive and so compelling, there was no need for doodads and techniques and bells and whistles. We are those apostles today. We are sent to carry the same Good News. We are among those faith-filled, hopeful, and loving persons who today stand for the Good News of God's saving presence in one specific place and time in the dawning years of a new millennium.

With Your Child:

1. At your grace before meals, remember those who are hungry all over the world.
2. Together, write a prayer to remember the poor children in other lands. Say this prayer together in the morning or before you go to bed.
3. Read about St. John Eudes on the Review and Explore page.