

Spiritual animation for adults

You will need the following items

The *World Mission Sunday* poster
A Bible and a lamp
The *World Mission Sunday* prayer

Opening song

Please use a song or hymn of your choice that has the Holy Spirit as its theme.

Opening prayer

Lord, you told your disciples to go to all nations and to preach what you thought them. However, they received the Holy Spirit and they had the strength to commit themselves deeply in this mission. Send your Spirit upon us so that we will have its gifts too and we will commit ourselves in our mission. Amen.

Let us listen carefully to the Word of God. (Matthew 28: 16–20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Comment

Rediscovering Mission at the Heart of Christian Faith. It's the theme for *World Mission Sunday* this year. What can we find at the heart of our Christian faith? Christ himself answers this: “teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you”. It is in the Gospel that we find everything that he commanded us. It is surprising to see that he didn't command us many things. The Gospel does not constitute a series of prescriptions, a law code, or a book of regulations; it's rather a love speech.

Group activity

In small groups, find some practical implementations (examples) in our daily life regarding Jesus's words on love:

- To love God, and therefore to pray to him as to a loving father. (Matthew 6: 9–15)
- To love your neighbour: The Good Samaritan. (Luke 10: 25–36)
- To forgive others for love like God forgives us.
- To become witnesses of his love around us and to the ends of the earth. (Acts, 1:8)



Prayer

A believer reads the text written in italics. The others answer what is written in bold.

BELIEVER *Before ascending to heaven, Jesus asked his disciples to go to all nations and to make disciples as well by bearing witness of the Gospel before them.*

R. – Lord make us the witnesses of your Gospel of love.

BELIEVER *So that they have the strength and courage to proclaim your resurrection with the purpose that all may believe in you, you sent them your Holy Spirit that awakens within them the zeal for the Gospel.*

R. – Lord send your Spirit so that it will awaken within our hearts the zeal for evangelization.

BELIEVER *Paul and Barnabas were chosen to go towards people living in distant regions. After discerning and praying, they left, in the name of their community, in order to incite other people to help them increase the number of people who acknowledge you as their Saviour.*

R. – Lord send messengers so that they will work in your mission.



**Now, let us recite the prayer
for World Mission Sunday:**

God our **Father**, your greatest gift to humankind
is your love for us and your desire that we live in your love!

Your Son **Jesus** established your kingdom of fraternal
and unconditional love on earth.

May all believers become missionary disciples,
keen to build your kingdom here on earth!

May your **Spirit** be the breath that guides all our actions,
and may your Mission become our mission,
the centre of our concern,
the basis of the Church's faith
so that your word may spread throughout the world.

Amen!

*Send out: Let us go and experience Mission at the Heart of our
Christian Faith! Let us go in the peace of Christ!*

The spiritual Animation for Young People
is available on the website:

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