



*Kia inu kau ahau,
If I could just drink*
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Gospel for kidz

A Religious Education Resource for Parishes



**Today we are going to be talking about
Jesus talked about his mission.
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

A reading from the gospel according to John.....adapted for children

Jesus had told his followers that he was the Bread of Life,
but many of them refused to believe what he had said.
Jesus heard them arguing with each other and said to them.
“Many will not believe that I am the way to eternal life.
I know that my heavenly Father has revealed this to only a few.”
After this some of the crowd left and didn't follow him anymore.
Jesus turned to the twelve he had chosen (*the apostles*) and asked,
“Will you choose to leave me too?”
Simon Peter stepped forward and said,
“Master, who would we turn to?”
We believe in you.
We believe in your message of eternal life,
because we know that you are the Son of God.”

Let's sit quietly now and think of God's story.

Unpacking the Gospel

- *what did some of Jesus' followers do?*
- *why?*
- *what was the question Jesus asked his close friends?*
- *what did Peter say?*

They had FAITH in JESUS, and they TRUSTED him.

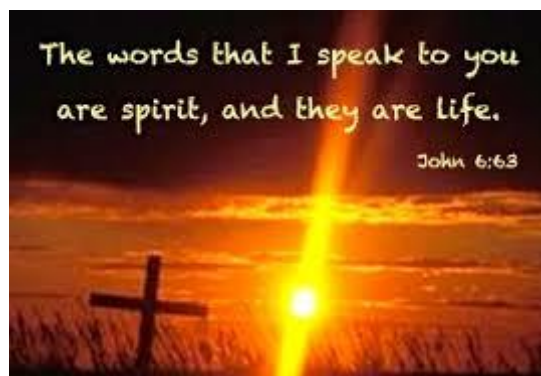
- *what does having FAITH and TRUST mean?*

Faith and trust is not so much understanding what is said, but believing and trusting the person who is saying it. Some of the people “rubbished” Jesus because they couldn’t understand him. Others believed and trusted him even if they didn’t understand all he said.

Message

Jesus doesn’t force people to be disciples (followers). He asks us to choose. We can say YES, I want to follow Jesus, or we can say no, it’s too hard. I want to go my own way and please myself.

We must make choices, choices like the one Jesus offered his friends.



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No Turning Back

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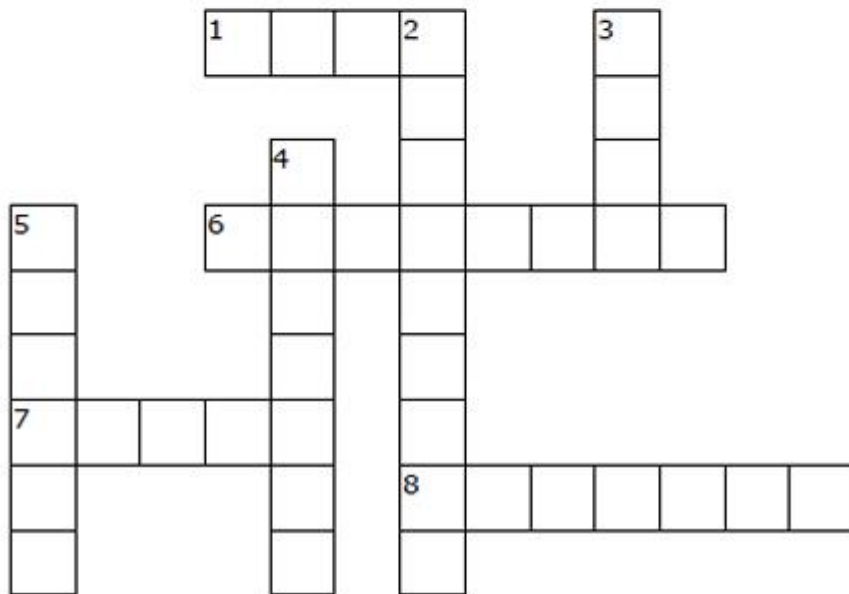
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ACROSS

1. Difficult to understand, accomplish, or finish
6. Sharing knowledge with others
7. To go away from; depart; abandon or forsake
8. Continuing forever

DOWN

2. The original followers of Jesus
3. To reverse directions
4. To accept as true or real
5. To come after; to go behind someone

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