# SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: PROPER 9C

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# CHILDREN'S ADDRESSES

## **MAIN POINT**

Sharing the message of Jesus.

# **SCRIPTURE FOCUS**

Jesus said to them: "A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in." (Luke 10:2)

#### **AIDS**

A picture of a wheat crop, a modern harvester and a picture of a crop being hand harvested.

### **ADDRESS**

Have you ever seen a large field of wheat ready to be harvested? Show picture.

Farmers look forward to harvesting their crops. Today we have modern harvesters that help to bring in the harvest really quickly. Show picture.

Before there were harvesters like this, people had to do it by hand and it took lots of people to bring in the harvest. Show picture.

Today we hear Jesus speaking about a big harvest, and that more workers need to be sent out to bring in the harvest. Harvesting by hand is a big job! But why is Jesus talking about harvesting crops? Jesus is teaching something important in this story.

The fields are in the world around us! The large crop are people who need hope. They need the good news that God cares for them. The workers are those who already have hope and know the good news that God cares for them. These workers will be sent to share the good news with others so that more people may come together and live with hope.

God loves and cares for you. God wants you to work for him and help others get to know the good news that he cares for them too! There are many people in the world who need your help, and need to know that God loves them!

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, keep us from becoming tired of helping others today. Help us to do good to everyone. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home, Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

