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People who were inspired to follow Jesus Christ and to share in his mission began to be called Christians. They were led and guided by the twelve apostles, who were called by Jesus to proclaim the Good News of God's love and forgiveness for everyone by what they said and what they did. This was not an easy task. Sometimes there were disagreements about how they should do this, but they resolved their difficulties through prayer and by remembering what Jesus had taught them.

One of the problems came when some of the apostles thought that any person who wanted to follow Jesus and become a Christian, had to become Jewish first. Paul thought this was not necessary and in the end the apostles agreed with Paul. Each of the followers of Jesus had a different way of encouraging people to follow him. Some focused particularly on Jewish people, others like Paul went to the Gentiles (those who were not Jewish), but each one was spreading the Good News of Jesus' love. Jesus wanted his followers to live in unity with him and each other.

Write a letter to the children at St. John's to explain why they should follow Jesus and be a good person. Include things you do e.g.

Dear Children,

I think it is important to follow Jesus. Jesus was sent to Earth to show us how to live a good life and please God. He did this by showing love to everyone, even those who were not being nice. You can be like Jesus by being kind to everyone. Even when you are having a bad day, can still show people that you care about them.

I follow Jesus by praying every day and asking God for help when I need it. I smile at people to make them feel good and I use my manners to show respect. I also listen to my friend if they are upset or worried. You too can follow Jesus and be the best person you can.

From _____