Sunday Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of John 17:11–19: The Prayer of Jesus

“And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them,
so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”

Focus Questions

1. Where does Jesus say He is going? What does He mean?
2. What does Jesus ask on behalf of His Disciples?
3. Who might Jesus be talking about when He names “the son of destruction?”
4. What did Jesus give to His Disciples?
5. What comparisons does Jesus point out between Himself and His Disciples?
Sent into the World

**Directions:** In the box, draw a picture of Jesus sending you out into the World to tell people about Him. Then answer the reflection question.

_Sent by Jesus!_
Reflection Question:
Why do you think Jesus wants us to tell other people about Him?