

# Christ Church Kid's Lesson

We are called to be separate from the world

*"They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."*

John 17:16,18 (NIV)



There are two things in this jar. Can you guess what they are? Colored water -- and oil. When we look at this jar with oil and water in it, the first thing that we notice is that they remain separate from one another. Now, watch what happens when I shake the jar. The water and oil appear to become one.

Have the oil and water really become one? Let's let the jar stand for a little while and see what happens. Look! The water and oil have become separate again. That shows us that even when they were all mixed together, they were never really one.

This bottle is a pretty good picture of what Jesus wants us to be like in this world we live in.

Before Jesus was crucified, he prayed for his disciples. He prayed that as they lived in the world, they would not become part of the world. He wanted them to add the gifts he had given them to the world -- just as the water added some color to the oil -- but he did not want them to become stained by the world. He wanted them to remain the person God made them to be. He wanted them to know his love and to share that love with others.

*"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by[c] the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.*

This prayer is for us too. Jesus said that just as his Father sent him into the world, he has sent us into the world. We must live in this world, but Jesus has called us to be separate. Just as this colored water remains separate from the oil, Jesus wants us to be separate from the world.

## Prayer

Dear Jesus,

help us, as we live in this world,

to remain faithful

to your call

to be separate from the world.

Amen