Welcome Jesus
(see Mt 10:40)

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” (Mt 10:40)

Jesus called the twelve apostles one by one. He sent them to be his ambassadors in the world. He explained to them, “Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me.”

Wherever the apostles went, they were welcomed by the people. They helped the poor and took care of people without asking for anything. They left everyone with the gift of peace.

All Christians should generously welcome those they meet, especially people who are different from them. If we live like this, we are welcoming Jesus, too.

Experience of Emi from Italy: One Saturday afternoon, my mom suggested that we make a cake to bring to the Gen 4 meeting. My sister and I stood next to her to learn how to do it. Part of the recipe was to grate a lemon, but my mom didn’t want to do it because she didn’t like cleaning the grater afterwards. I thought to myself: “This is something I can do.” So I did.

I was really happy to see how relieved my mom was. We all enjoyed ourselves so much that now we want to bake together all the time.

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