

Jesus Chose 12 Disciples



Quarter 2: God the Son — Lesson 19



Year 1—Quarter 2: God the Son

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Bible Lesson:

In the intro game we had to memorize other kid's names and what they liked, and you did an awesome job. Well, in this week's lesson, we're going to learn about Jesus' 12 disciples. I'm going to tell you their names and then I'll give you their nicknames and what they did. (see lesson supplement)



There was nothing special about these guys. They were just ordinary people that God used in an EXTRA ordinary way. And Jesus wants to do the same in you. Jesus wants you to be his disciples.

What does it mean to be a disciple? It means that you are a follower of Jesus. Just like the first 12 disciples left everything that they had to follow Jesus, Jesus wants us to follow him, no matter what! You are here in church when you could be out doing all sorts of things with your friends or brothers or sisters or playing video games. But instead, you are here to learn about Jesus and to follow him. Do you know what that makes you? (allow for responses) That's right, that makes you Jesus' disciples!

Before Jesus went to heaven, he told his disciples, (which includes you) to go into all the world and make disciples. So when you go home and go back to school, be sure to tell people about Jesus and invite them to come to church. That way, they can be disciples of Jesus too.

DISCIPLE'S JOB APPLICATION

Either give each child a Disciple Job Application (see supplement for this lesson) or show an overhead of one. If you have the kids fill them out, look them all over and say, "You all got the job!" Tell them the decision was based on only one of the questions and have the kids guess which one. Tell them, "When Jesus selected His original disciples, it wasn't how smart they were, but their love that made Him choose them."


**JOB APPLICATION
FOR A
DISCIPLE OF JESUS**
Name:
Education:
Skills or Talents:
Why you should get this job: (25 words)


Power Point

Jesus wants us to be His disciples

MEMORY VERSE:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
Mt. 28:19

Game: Hello, My Name is...and I Like...

This is a concentration memory game. 12 kids come up on stage and stand in front of the audience.

The first kid starts out and says, “Hello, my name is ___ and I like ___.” The next kid in line then must say, “this is ___ and he likes ___ (referring to the first kid) and my name is ___ and I like ___.”

And so it continues down the line until the last person who says all 12 names and what then like (including his/her self). This can be done more than once with different kids, depending on time. Twelve kids in a group is recommended.





Disciple Nicknames & Descriptions

Andrew and Peter— *Andy and Pete.*

These two were Jesus' first disciples, they were brothers and both were fishermen.

James and John - *Jimmy and Johnny.*

These two were also brothers and also fishermen. They worked with their dad, Zebedee.

Philip and Nathanael—*Phil and Nate.*

These guys were friends. When Phil told Nate that he had found the Messiah, Nate wasn't so sure, until he met Jesus.

Matthew (Levi) - Matt

Matt was a tax collector...other people didn't like tax collectors.

Simon— *Si*

Simon was a zealot

Thomas—*Tommy*

Tommy is also known as Doubting Thomas because when Jesus rose from the dead, he didn't believe it.

James—*Jim*

Jim is a different person than Jimmy. Jim is the son of Alphaeus, not Zebedee.

Thaddaeus—*Todd*

His name is also Judas, but not the bad one.

Judas Iscariot

He doesn't have a nick name because since that time, nobody has named their kid Judas, because of what he did (betrayed Jesus).



JOB APPLICATION FOR A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

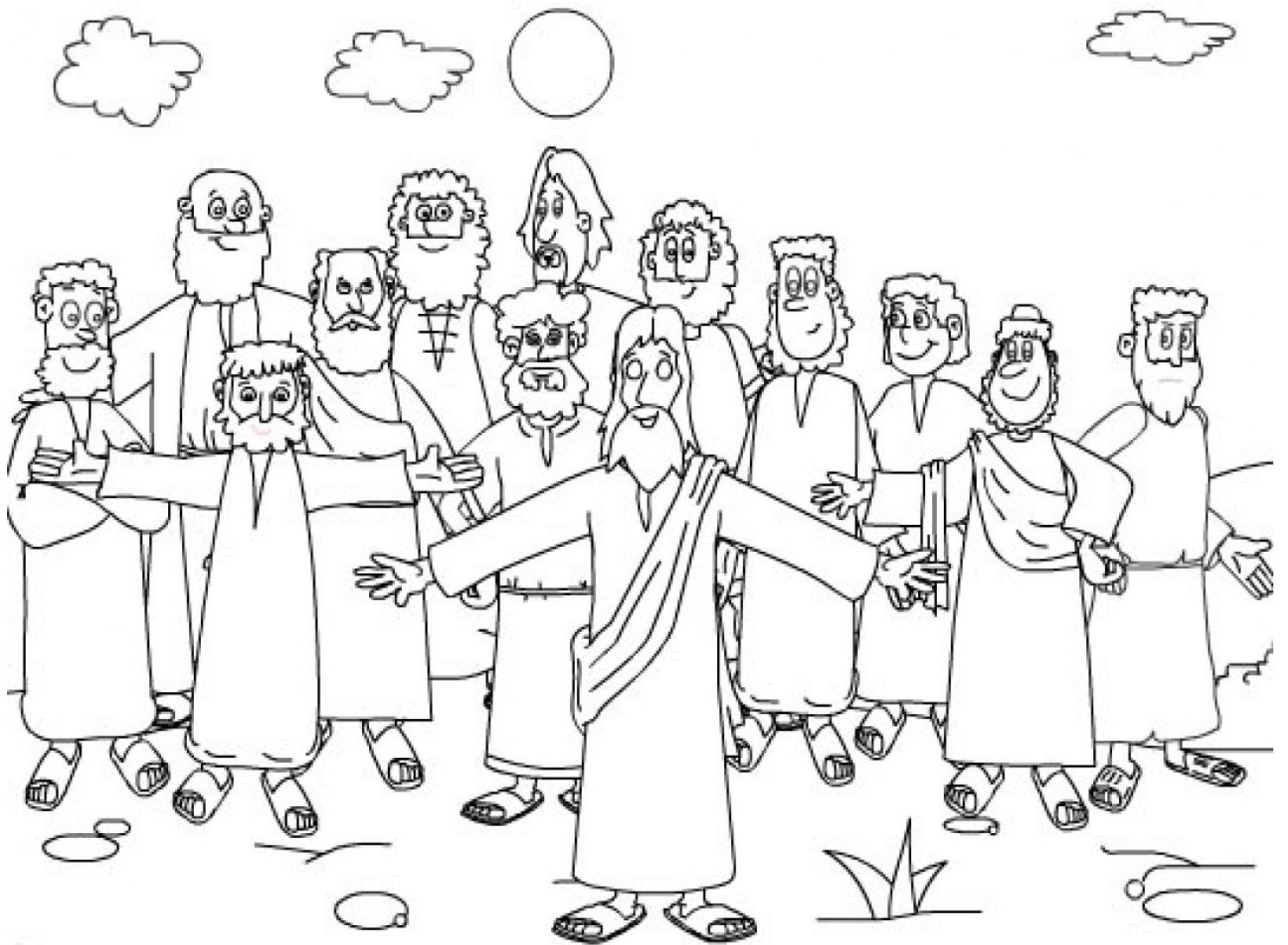
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Take-Home

Summary

Bible Passages:

Matthew 28:18-20; Mt. 11:28-30

Main Point:

Jesus wants us to be His disciples.

Discuss:

Q: What qualities did Jesus look for in His first disciples?

Q: How did Jesus involve His 12 disciples in His mission?

Q: What does it mean to be a "fisher of men"?

Q: Why is it important that Jesus chose ordinary people, like fishermen, to be His disciples?

Gospel Connection: Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9), which grants eternal life as a free gift (Romans 6:23). Once saved, believers are called to discipleship, which involves committing to follow Jesus as Master (Matthew 28:18-20) and learning from Him (Matthew 11:28-30).

Explore the Bible

Discuss with your family how Jesus chose 12 men to be His disciples. Jesus didn't choose the most educated, influential, or powerful people. Instead He chose those who were willing to leave their old lives behind and follow Him. As Jesus' disciples, they learned about the Kingdom of God, God's love, and His plan of salvation. Jesus' choice of disciples shows us that: (1) Following Jesus requires surrender. (2) Jesus values humility and obedience. (3) Discipleship is a process. And (4) We are called to share the Gospel.

Journal Time

Have your child/children write answers to the following questions in their journals. (If they have no journals, consider helping them begin one.)

- What does this lesson teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this lesson teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in these passages to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in these passages to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this lesson help me to live on mission better?

Apply and Pray

Let your family share some of their journal entries. As your family reflects on Jesus' choice of disciples, lead them in a prayer that:

- Humbly acknowledges our need for Jesus & His teachings.
- Surrenders our own ambitions and desires to follow Him.
- Seeks to learn from Him and grow in our faith.
- Share's the Good News with others, trusting in Jesus empowerment and guidance.