



Story 4 : Fishers of men

Main Bible verse
[Matthew 4:19]

"Come and follow me," Jesus said. "I will send you out to fish for people."

One day, Jesus went out to the Sea of Galilee, where Peter (who was a fisherman) was out fishing with his younger brother Andrew. Disappointed that they hadn't caught a single fish all night, Peter and Andrew left their boat at the water's edge and washed their nets.

Jesus came to the shore. The crowds followed him.

After Jesus got into Peter's boat, he taught people the gospel about the kingdom of heaven.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Peter, "Go out into the deep water and cast your nets to catch fish.

" Peter and Andrew were fishing experts.

They had tried all night but had not caught a single fish.

Yet Jesus was telling them to let down their nets again.

Peter and Andrew could have laughed at Jesus, but they listened to Him and did as He told them to.

Peter and Andrew were surprised. Their nets were full of fish.

They caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break!

James and John who were close by saw what had happened, and they all fell on their knees.

Jesus spoke to them, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men not fish!"





They all pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed Jesus.

Peter, Andrew, James and John all became Jesus' disciples. One day Jesus met a man called Matthew.

Matthew was a tax collector. At the time, tax collectors were hated because they collected a lot of money.

People treated Matthew as though he was a sinner, but Jesus came to Matthew and spoke to him,

"Follow me!" Matthew got up, left everything, and followed Jesus.

When the Pharisees saw that Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house with many tax collectors and sinners they started to grumble.

Then Jesus said: "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners; that is why I am with these people." And so Jesus called all of his twelve disciples.

The disciples followed Jesus for three years and learned a lot from Him.

And after Jesus returned to the heavens, His disciples continued the work that Jesus had done on earth – like Jesus, they preached the kingdom of God and healed the sick!



Activity 1.

Match each question to the correct answer.

How many years did Jesus accompany and teach his disciples?

They preached about the Kingdom of God and healed the sick.

After Jesus ascended to heaven, what did the disciples do just like Jesus?

Peter and Andrew

What were the names of those who were fishing in the Sea of Galilee?

3 years

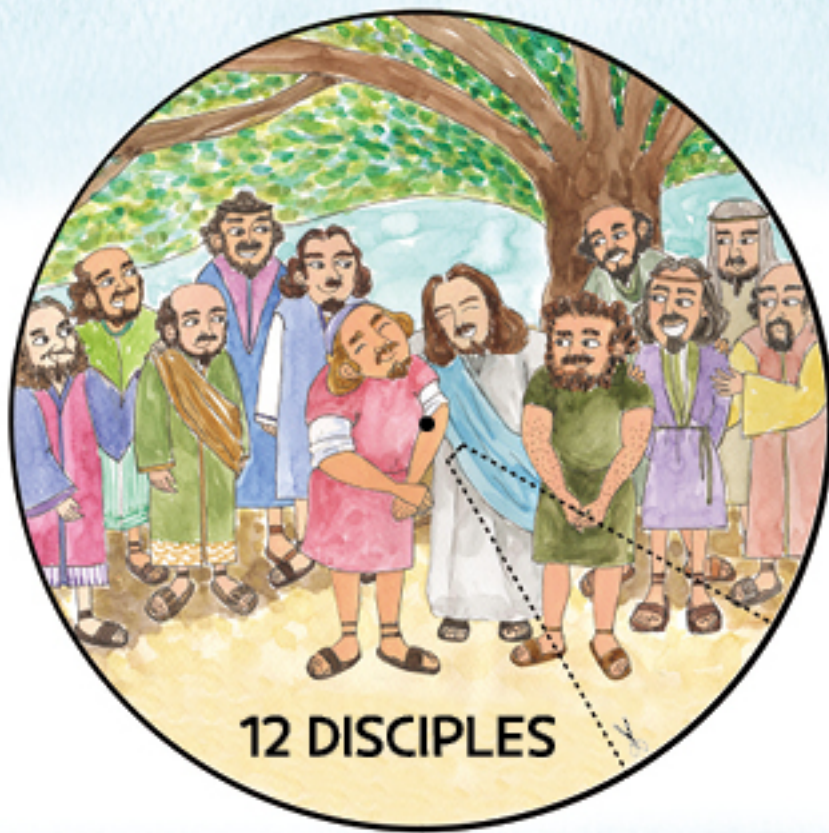
- Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Matthew 4:19)

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Activity 2.

Write the names of the 12 disciples of Jesus in order and make a roulette.

► Materials: Scissors, paper fastener.



3. JAMES 12. PHILIP 8. BARTHOLOMEW 1. PETER 5. JOHN 10. JAMES (son of Alphaeus)
2. ANDREW 6. THADDAEUS 9. SIMON 11. JUDAS 7. THOMAS 4. MATTHEW

