



February 7, 2021
 Preschool Sunday School
 At-Home Lesson

The Disciples

One Day Jesus was at the sea shore and a crowd gathered to listen to hear what he had to say. There were so many people Jesus was forced into the water. He hopped into a fishing boat so more could hear and see him.

Jesus thanked the fisherman for the use of their boat and told them to throw out their nets and they would receive lots of fish. Simon said, "We fished all night and got nothing." They threw out their nets and were suddenly overflowing with fish. They knew that Jesus was someone special. "Follow me Simon, Andrew, James & John." Said Jesus. "Let's fish for people instead of fish." They were not fishermen they were now Disciples.

Jesus would later meet a tax collector whose name was Matthew. He asked him to follow him too and to collect people instead of money. Jesus would later meet 7 others who would all become his Disciples. Bartholomew, Thomas, James, Thaddaeus, Simon and Judas. They all stopped what they were doing to follow Jesus.

Jesus and his 12 friends would share the workload with many other followers. No matter where Jesus went people followed.

Scripture: Matthew 4:19-20

Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Family Discussion:

More and more people became disciples (followers) of Jesus. Even though many followed Jesus twelve men were with him almost all of the time. This group of twelve men became known as the "twelve apostles"

1. What kind of fishermen did Jesus tell the apostles they would be? **(Fishers of men)**
2. How many original apostles were there? **(12)**
3. Can you name the twelve apostles? **(Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Thomas, Matthew, Bartholomew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon, Thaddeus, Judas)**

Dear God,
 Thank you for calling us to follow you!
 We are grateful to be part of your team
 and with you as our leader
 we can do anything!
 Thank you for loving us, we love you!
 Amen