

The Disciples – school age (online)

Matthew 4:12-23; 9:9-13; 10:1-4

January 22, 2023

Opening Activity

Say: Good morning! Instead of asking how your week went, we're going to try something a little different. We're going to pretend we're on a boat all together. It's a rocky boat, so you can't stand up in it. I'm going to ask you some questions about our week.

If you agree with what I say, scoot on your backside that direction (point one direction). If you disagree with what I say, scoot on your backside in this direction (point the opposite direction). If you are unsure or would answer "maybe," move to the middle. Ready?!

- I had an awesome week.
 - Friday was better than Monday.
 - I helped someone out this week.
 - This wasn't the best week to be me.
 - I followed through on a commitment.
 - I had more homework than hair on my head this week.
 - Someone helped me out this week and I appreciated it.
 - Coming to Sunday school is the thing I look forward to the most!
 - I prayed a few times this week, especially before something hard.
 - This boat is making me seasick!
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Open the Bible

SAY: Our Bible story today comes from the Book of Matthew. Remember, Matthew is the first book of the New Testament, but the Old Testament is a lot bigger. So, the New Testament is only about the last fourth of your Bible. Today's story spans parts of three different chapters: Matthew 4, 9, and 10. We're going to learn about all of the chosen disciples of Jesus.

- [Video lesson](#) (Bible Mom – the video is 7 minutes but it explains all the disciples and a chant for remembering their names)

I wonder...

- If Jesus gave his new disciples a chance to say good-bye and grab their stuff.
 - If the disciples had second thoughts about leaving their old lives behind.
 - How and why Jesus chose those disciples
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Activate Faith

The Twelve Disciples File Folder Review – In person Activity (from Danielle's Place)

This activity can be used in different ways. You can glue the disciple patterns onto a craft stick to make puppets that can be inserted into the appropriate slots, or have your children glue the pictures onto the file folder.

- **Supplies:**
- Craft Sticks – Regular-sized or Mini Jumbo Craft Sticks
- File Folders
- Exacto Knife
- Elmer's Paper Glue or Tape
- Scissors
- Paper or Card Stock
- Colored Pencils (Optional)

- Templates and instructions are available online at Danielle's Place or in-class

Shield – Craft

Ask: Did you know there are shields of the apostles (disciples)?

Say: These shields represented something important about the life of the disciple. Today we are going to make a shield that tells something about you.

- Give everyone a shield pattern.
- Have the children write their name in the center of the shield.
- Around their name, draw symbols that tell others who you are. Suggestions might be your family, pets, sports, etc. include at least one symbol that describes what it means to you to be a follower of Jesus.

Prayer: God, help us to be good examples of Jesus' love by the way we act and what we say. Help us to tell others about you so that they will know you and follow you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.