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LESSON

The Twelve Disciples

The disciples that Jesus chose never knew that we would still be talking about them 2000 years later. In the days when Jesus walked this earth it was a little different from today.

If you wanted to study the Bible in that day, you would find a teacher called a rabbi. You would choose a teacher you liked. You would listen, ask questions, and listen to the rabbi explain what it means.

You would continue your study, watching your teacher and living like he did. You and other students would be a disciple of the rabbi. You would become like a servant of your teacher.

Jesus had followers, too. But Jesus chose them!

He picked twelve men to be His disciples. Jesus did not teach in a classroom, but His lessons were the best ever. Jesus taught as they walked through the day by the corn field, the seashore, or walking from town to town.

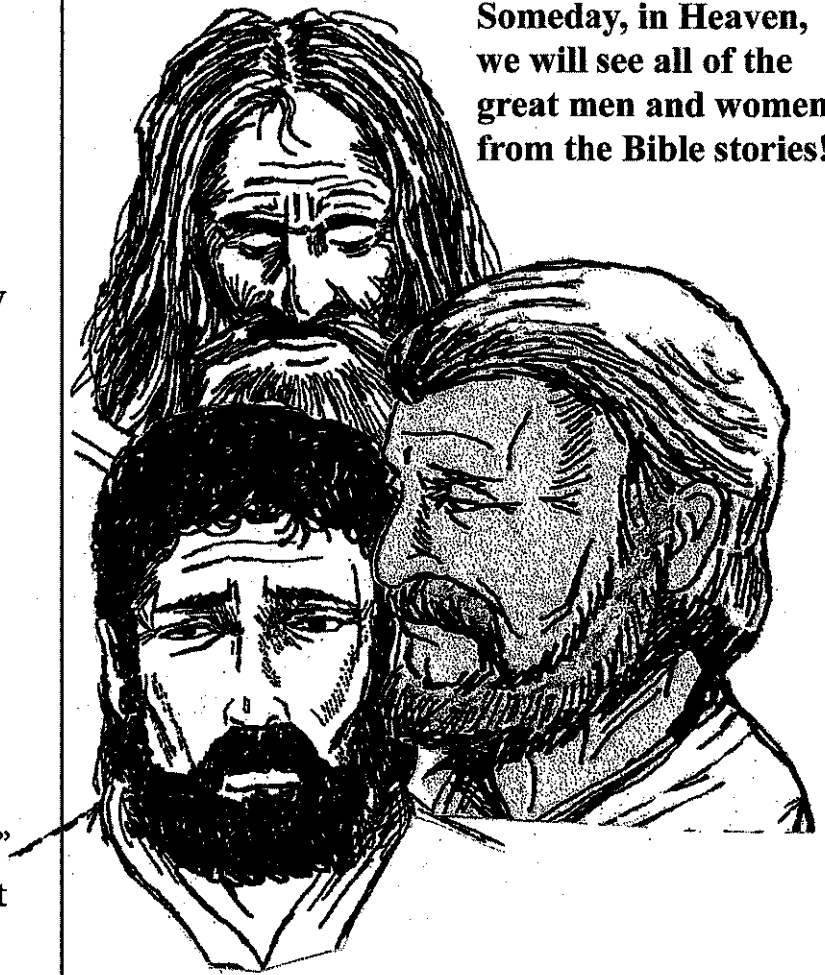
Jesus chose men just like you see at your church. One was a tax collector, and several were fishermen. Some had problems just like we do. One even doubted Jesus.



One time, Jesus spent all night in prayer. The next morning He chose the twelve men who became His closest followers.

- Simon Peter – His brother was Andrew. Peter was a fisherman. He wrote I & II Peter.
- Andrew – Simon's brother. When Jesus fed the 5000, Andrew found the young boy with a lunch.
- John – John was a very close friend to Jesus. He wrote Bible books: John, I, II, III John, and Revelation. After the crucifixion, He cared for the mother of Jesus.
- James – Brother of John and a fisherman. He was the first of the twelve to be martyred. (killed)
- Philip – Philip brought Nathanael to Jesus.
- Thomas – Often called "Doubting Thomas" because he would not believe Jesus without seeing Him.
- Matthew – Also called Levi; he collected taxes. He wrote the book of Matthew.
- Simon the Zealot – A zealot was a group who tried to bring people out from under the Roman rule.
- Thaddaeus – Sometimes called by the name of Judas, but not the Judas who betrayed Jesus.
- Bartholomew – Jesus told him something he had done that only Bartholomew knew, and he believed.
- James, Son of Alphaeus – Sometimes he is called James the less.
- Judas Iscariot – He denied Jesus, and for 30 pieces of silver, he told the enemy about Christ. He later killed himself.

Someday, in Heaven,
we will see all of the
great men and women
from the Bible stories!



Disciples and Apostles

A disciple is one who is taught by another. They become a student and a follower of the teacher.

An apostle means "one sent forth" with a message. An apostle was an eye-witness to the resurrection of Jesus. They were chosen by the Lord to go forth with that message!

Calling the Twelve to Follow Jesus!

(find the verse in your Bible and fill in the missing words:)

“And he (Jesus) goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

And he ordained _____, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to _____,

And to have _____ to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils...” (Mark 3:13-15)

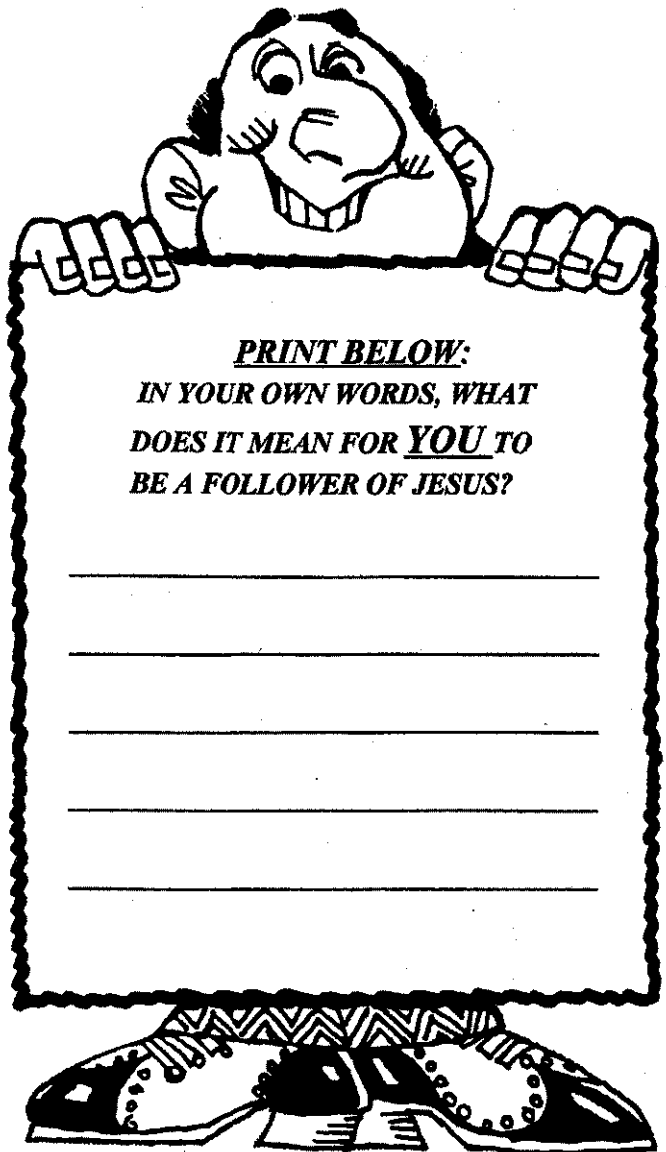
What about the girls?

In that time, the Rabbis (teachers) did not teach women. But Jesus did!

In the book of Luke, we read that the twelve disciples were with Jesus and so were some of the women. With their very own money, they were helping to care for the Lord Jesus.

Some of these women were Mary Magdalene, Susanna, Joanna, Mary, and Salome. Salome was the mother of the disciples James and John. Others, too, like Mary and Martha, were friends of the Lord. Remember, women were the very first to find that Jesus had arose from the grave. Women were very important in the ministry of Jesus.

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***IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT
DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU TO
BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS?***

Pay Attention!!!

The Spotlight was on Tess and Liz...

by Adrianna Kassner

Tess and Liz had a bad habit. They talked too much. Often, they passed notes and whispered in class even after their teachers told them to stop. Sometimes it was hard for the other kids to study because of the chatter.

One day, Tess and Liz went to choir practice together. Miss Bell was the choir leader. When the children began to sing, Miss Bell thought she heard some sounds coming from the back of the room. It was not singing...it was talking.

"Girls in the back...stop talking. Pay attention," said Miss Bell. "Yes, Ma'am," nodded Tess and Liz.

As soon as Miss Bell continued with the singing, the girls leaned down to where they could not be seen. They whispered and giggled together.

Then came the day of the big Christmas pageant. Miss Bell and the children had worked very hard in preparing for this special evening. Everyone knew exactly what they were supposed to do, except for guess who? Tess and Liz missed it, because - you guessed it - they were talking when they should have been carefully listening.

The play went very well. Now, it was time for the children's choir to sing. Each of the

It was the big night, the annual Christmas Pageant!



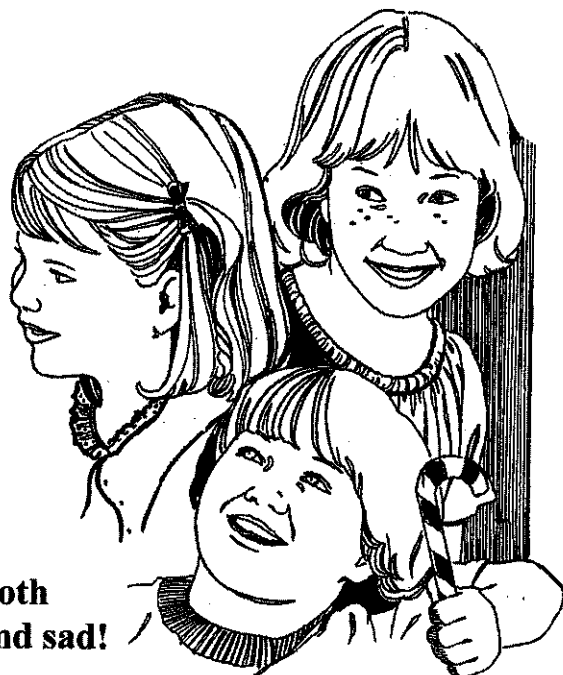
singers walked carefully to their place on the stage. The hall was crowded with people. Parents and relatives had all come to see the event. The parents of Tess and Liz were there, too.

Everyone's eyes were on Miss Bell and the choir. The lights dimmed. The music began. A strong spotlight shined on the children as they sang out a lovely Christmas hymn.

After the second song, both Tess and Liz thought their performance was over. They had not been listening when Miss Bell had told the choir that they were going to sing three songs instead of two. Tess and Liz moved out of their position on the front row. They began making their way down the long center aisle. The man who was controlling the spotlight thought that Tess and Liz were part of a special act. So, he followed them down the aisle with a huge, bright light.

When the other children saw what was happening, they stopped singing and started laughing. The pianist heard the children laughing and stopped playing. The whole crowd was laughing now, except for Miss Bell. She turned around with her hands on her hips and shot a fierce look at Tess and Liz.

Because of their disobedience, Tess and Liz were now the ones embarrassed, but also the ones who caused the beautiful program to be broken apart. And could you imagine how embarrassed their own parents must have been?



**It was both
funny and sad!**

The next time the two girls came to choir practice, they were seated on far, opposite sides and not allowed to even speak once.

Our sins always affect others, not just us. The disobedience of Tess and Liz ruined a special occasion, and showed very little respect for those who work so hard to lead the children. Do you know someone who acts like a Tess or Liz? Ask God to remind you to respect teachers, parents, and others who are assigned to lead you.

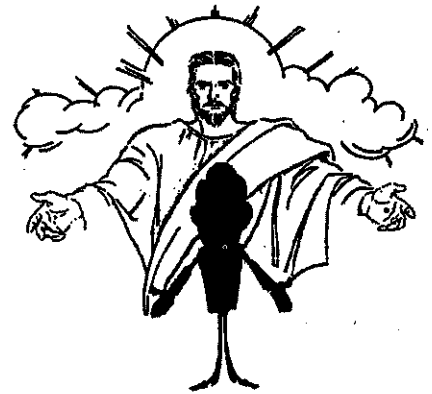
Prayer In the Bible



4 The Prayer of PETITION

Here's what a prayer of petition means: It means asking a personal request of God. It's about ME and for ME.

Let's read what Jesus (God's Son) said about asking for something from God. Find in your Bible – Matthew 7:7-11. Read these verses, then fill in the missing words below:



1. What did He say to do – “ _____ , and it shall be given you; _____ , and ye shall find; _____ and it shall be opened unto you.”



This is how Jesus taught us to pray, to “petition,” or to ask for it –ask God for it.

2. Jesus also gave us an example of this kind of praying. See now Acts 1:24-26. Here we find the eleven apostles asking God to show them which of two men should replace Judas, who became the enemy of Jesus. God answered their prayer. Who was it that was named an apostle? _____ (vs. 26)
3. We must always remember that God knows best! God sees what is ahead in our lives – He knows, and He cares! Lots of times it may seem as though He does not answer what we asked – but He did! When God says NO to our petition, it is always for our good, not our hurt.



QUESTION & ANSWER

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(Find answers in the stories)



The 12 Disciples...

1. If you had lived back in the time of the disciples, who would have taught you the Bible? R _____”
2. Who teaches you the Bible now? _____



The Story...

1. Talking too much was the problem the girls had, but God calls it D _____.
2. Did you ask God to help you respect your leaders, parents, and teachers? _____



Prayers of the Bible...

1. The prayer of PETITION means asking for a _____ request of God. It's about _____ and for _____.
2. Did you read all the verses? Matthew 7:7-11? Yes__ No__ If no, do it now!