

	Title	Aim	Activities
<b>The Twelve</b>	The special helpers	To understand that although Jesus only chose 12 at first he now has a lot more helpers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome:</b> Explain that we are going to learn about the twelve disciples Jesus chose and to start off with we are going to introduce them to the names.</li> <li>• <b>Challenge:</b> Dump out a box full of blocks/balls and have a child hurry to put them all back in again. Then do it again where everyone helps. Have more than one team if you have lots of children in class. Objects must be easy to pick up. Mention that it would have been easier with helpers.</li> <li>• <b>Starter (Alphabet disciples):</b> Have two copies of the Apostles names printed out on card. Get the children, in teams, to put the names in alphabetical order.</li> <li>• <b>Story Introduction:</b> Mention that today's story comes from the book of Mark but before we start the story we want to ask them a few questions: How would you feel if you were chosen to give a speech in class? How would you feel if you were chosen to be a team captain? How would you feel if someone famous came to visit you? How would you feel if God chose you to be his helper?</li> <li>• <b>Story:</b> Mark 3:13-19 Mention that the story is about 12 people who were chosen to be God's special helpers: Hold the name up of the disciple as you say them in order. Explain that those twelve were chosen to build the church (tell people about God). Now it is our job.</li> <li>• <b>Craft:</b> Disciples in a boat/Fish?</li> <li>• <b>The real Disciples:</b> Children look at the page and ring the names of the people that are the disciples.</li> <li>• <b>Game (Disciple hunt):</b> One child goes out of the room whilst you hide a card with a disciples name on. That person then comes in and had to guess which one is missing then they have 1 minute to try and find it. After 30 seconds the rest of the group can say whether the person searching is 'hot' or 'cold'</li> </ul>
	Time with the disciples	To understand that God wants us to spent time with him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome:</b> Explain that we are going to learn about how Jesus spent time with the disciples.</li> <li>• <b>Starter:</b> Role play in pairs ways in which they like to spend time with their friends. Other pairs can guess.</li> <li>• <b>Story Introduction:</b> Mention that just like we may enjoy spending time with our friends the disciples also like to spend time with Jesus. Just like we do as Christians. Suggest ways in which we could spend time with Jesus. Recap the names of the disciples. What would you do if you were playing outside and a famous movie star or athlete walked down your street? Would you follow him? Would you go get your friends? Who would you call?</li> <li>• <b>Story:</b> John 1:35-42</li> <li>• <b>Craft:</b> Give children a cube net and on each face get them to write ways in which they spend time with friends.</li> <li>• <b>Game (Time with Jesus):</b> Have a list of activities that the disciples did with Jesus and cut into strips. Children find the strips and act out different actions that the disciples did with Jesus.</li> <li>• <b>Game:</b> Pairs memory game - match picture with name</li> </ul>

	<p>Best friends</p>	<p>To understand how we can be good friends to others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome:</b> Tell the children that in today's story they will learn about how to be a best friend like Jesus was to John and his other disciples.</li> <li>• <b>Starter:</b> Role play in groups the two scenarios             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Did the characters in the story show love for each other? (thumbs up or thumbs down)</li> <li>-Do you think the children's actions show that they are followers of Jesus? (thumbs up or thumbs down)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Story Introduction:</b> One night Jesus was spending time with his disciples. He told them that he wouldn't be with them much longer. He wanted to tell them something important. Jesus told them that he was giving them a new command. A command is something that someone has to obey. Do you know what he commanded them to do? (Take a few responses.) Jesus commanded them to love each other. Hold up the stick with the "A new command..." side showing. Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:35).</li> <li>• <b>Story:</b> John 13:34-35.</li> <li>• <b>Application:</b> Jesus loves people very much and he wants all of his followers to love people as much as he does. Jesus told his disciples that people would know they were his followers because of how they loved each other. Jesus' disciples were best friends with each other and with Jesus. That is how Jesus wants his followers to be today—to be best friends that love each other very much. Isn't it great to have best friends that love us? Let's think about what kind of a friend Jesus would be to people. Pass heart around like queeny queeny and when music stops person with the heart says something that can be done to show love. You can show love to your friends by greeting them warmly, saying kind things to them, forgiving them, doing helpful things for them, spending time with them, and telling them about Jesus.</li> <li>• <b>Craft:</b> Love Booklet - Show the children your sample booklet and read the words on each page. Explain that they will be making their own booklets to help them remember how to show others their love. (Page D)</li> <li>• <b>Game:</b> Beanbag toss using 6 hoops numbered 1-6 (numbers represent act of kindness/love which the children can demonstrate when they get the bean bag in the hoop)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Greet others warmly.</li> <li>2. Say kind things to others.</li> <li>3. Forgive others.</li> <li>4. Do helpful things for people.</li> <li>5. Invite friends to spend time with me.</li> <li>6. Tell friends about Jesus.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	<p>Time with the disciples</p>	<p>To understand that Jesus taught many things including how we should treat others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome:</b> Explain that we are going to learn about how Jesus taught his disciples.</li> <li>• <b>Starter:</b> In today's lesson you are going to learn what it means to be a peacemaker. Give out sheet and have children colour in the small pictures.</li> <li>• <b>Story Introduction:</b> Today's Bible Story comes from the New Testament book of Matthew, chapters 5-7. We are going to find out what Jesus taught the people as they were sitting on a mountainside listening to him. Now when [Jesus] saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came</li> </ul>

			<p>to him, and he began to teach them." There were so many people in this crowd that he had to go up on a mountainside so the people could hear and see him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Story:</b> Jesus taught the people how he wanted them to treat one another. He told them if they treated people a certain way, it would help them be happy. Jesus taught the people about many different things. Show the children some of the different things Jesus taught</li><li>• <b>Craft:</b> Picture to do with one of the stories/puzzle pieces</li><li>• <b>Application:</b> Mention that Jesus wants us to treat others well. Ask the children to name some different ways they show care towards others.</li><li>• <b>Game:</b> Three in a Row - answer questions to do with the story before being able to place a game piece. (O &amp; Xs)</li></ul>
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