

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #56

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SUBJECT: The Lord Jesus Chooses the 12 Disciples

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 10; Mark 3; Luke 5 & 6

AIM: We are His disciples and we can tell others the GOOD NEWS.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Content:

One day the Lord Jesus came to the city of Capernaum, which was on the sea of Galilee. As the Lord was passing along the shore (that is the land that to where the sea comes) He saw two fishermen. What do you think that these two fishermen were doing? That's right. They were fishing. Perhaps they were hungry and wanted to eat some fish. Perhaps they would sell the fish or trade the fish for something else that they needed. These fishermen were Simon and his brother Andrew. Jesus said to them "Come with Me." They did. Immediately, they left their fishing nets (nets are used to catch many fish) and they followed the Lord Jesus.

As the Lord walked on, he saw two more brothers who were fixing their fishing nets. Their names were James and John. (This is NOT the same John who baptized the Lord, but another John.). These brothers were with their father Zebedee in a boat. The Lord Jesus also called them and they too at once followed the Lord.

Then the Lord Jesus found Philip and also said to him "Come follow me." Philip also followed the Lord. He was so excited that he went to tell his friend Nathaniel what had happened. Philip said that he had found that very special Person about whom Moses had spoken many, many years before. At first, Nathaniel was reluctant to go, but Philip said "Come and see." Nathaniel followed Philip and as the Lord Jesus saw him coming, the Lord said "Here is a true Israelite." Nathaniel said to the Lord "How did you know?" The Lord answered and said "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel was so amazed and surprised and said "You are the Son of God, the King of Israel." Jesus is God and, therefore, knows everything. The Lord also told Nathaniel that he would see greater things.

The Lord needed to have some friends on this earth who would also tell the whole world that the Lord Jesus came to save us and forgive us, if we would believe in Him. This is called the GOOD NEWS. One day a few years later the Lord would die on the cross for mankind. Then on the third day, He would rise from the dead. These devoted friends of the Lord were supposed to go to all parts of the world to tell this GOOD NEWS.

The Lord chose 12 devoted or close friends.

These friends of the Lord Jesus are also called the 12 disciples or apostles. “Apostles” means “messengers.”

Peter (Also called Simon)

Andrew (Peter’s brother)

James

John (James’ brother)

Philip

Bartholomew

Thomas

Matthew (the publican)

James

Thaddeus

Simon

Judas Iscariot (He would not be a good friend to the Lord.)