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Lesson 15

Jesus and the Disciples

Today's Story:

Today's story tells about a time when Jesus called 12 men to be his disciples and his close friends. In the Old Testament God had chosen the 12 sons of Jacob to be the beginning of God's people, the Israelites. In the same way, Jesus now chose 12 disciples to call out a new people for God. This was the beginning of the church. Disciples are people who follow and obey and learn to be like their teacher.

Jesus chose these twelve men to follow him: Simon Peter, Andrew, James (the son of Zebedee), his brother John, Philip, Thomas, Matthew, James (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus, Simon, Judas and Bartholomew. He taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he taught them the good news that God is always with his people.

Jesus chose these 12 men to be his friends; to witness his life, his death, and his resurrection. And Jesus chose these 12 disciples to go to all the nations in the world to make more disciples.

Jesus chose YOU and He chose ME! The wonderful news is that we can be the disciples of Jesus too!

Bible Memory Verse:

Jesus said: "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples." John 8:31 GNT

(The names of the disciples were: Simon Peter, James, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Matthew, Thomas, Bartholomew, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)

My Art Response:

