

Life of Christ

Jesus' friends tell others about Him

Matthew 10:1-42

Younger Verse

May the God of hope fill you with all peace as you trust Him. Romans 15:13

Older Verse

May the God of hope fill you with all peace as you trust Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Lesson Goals

Name Jesus' 12 helpers
See how we must tell others about Jesus

Welcome Time

Ask the kids what it feels like to have someone come to visit them. Most will agree that it is fun and exciting to have visitors come to see you. Share that today's lesson is about this.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus had 12 special friends or helpers that walked with Him everywhere He went. They listened to Him and learned from Him. Their names were: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, and Judas.

Jesus told His friends to go to the towns and tell the people about Jesus and Heaven. He told them that they would be able to make people well and help them with their needs. Jesus also told His friends not to worry about what to take with them. He asked them not to take any money with them or even a mat to sleep on. Jesus knew that someone in the town would be kind and let them sleep in their home. Jesus asked them to say kind words to those who let them spend the night in their homes.

Jesus helped them know that they did not need to be afraid. He told them that God cared for them. He told them that God loved them so much that He even knew little things about them like how many hairs they had on their heads!

He asked His friends to not be shy about telling others about Jesus and Heaven. He told them that they should be proud to believe in Jesus and tell others. He told them that telling people about Jesus is like giving them a cup of cool water on a hot, dry day.

Have you ever told someone about Jesus? Do you know what to say? Let's go over it.

God loves us so much. He cares so much that He wants us to be in Heaven with Him one day. The problem is that we have dirty hearts. That means we have done something wrong or thought something wrong etc. That means we are dirty on the inside. Because we are dirty, we cannot be in Heaven with God because He is clean and pure.

God knew only one way to solve this problem. His Son, Jesus, took our punishment

for all the wrongs that we have done. He did this by dying on a cross. Jesus could take our punishment because He was also clean and pure. He got punished for the bad things WE had done. Why? Jesus knew that if we believe in Him and trust that He died and came back to life for us, we could go to Heaven. How? When we believe in Jesus, He cleans our hearts and makes us pure. We are not dirty anymore! So, we can be with God one day.

How do you believe in Jesus? A person must believe that Jesus died and came back to life to help them get to heaven. He must tell God he is sorry for all the wrong things he has done and ask Jesus to come into his life. Jesus comes into our life and changes us to be like Him—doing what is right and good.

Some people wonder what happens when we do wrong again. Jesus tells us that we must come to God and tell Him we are sorry for the wrong we did and try not to do it again.

Have you asked Jesus into your heart? We can talk about it anytime. Would you like to help someone else know about Jesus? We can show you what to do.

Learning Activities

Try ideas to help the kids learn what it means to tell others about Jesus.

Memory Verse Activities

Make footprints and write a word (or two) of the verse on the print. Tape the prints to the floor or on stairs. Let the kids follow the footprints to help them remember the verse.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help us share Jesus with someone we know this week.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Clean up and give out snacks. This is a great time to answer questions and help the kids know how they can trust in Jesus.

May 25th
Jesus heals a man's hand
Matthew 12:1-13

Preschool Lesson
For
Jesus' friends tell others about Him

Jesus had 12 special friends and helpers. Their names were Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, and Judas. They walked with Jesus and listened to all the good things that He said.

One day, Jesus asked His friends to go tell others about Him. He also wanted them to know about Heaven. Jesus wanted His friends to go to homes and tell people the good news of how they can love God and get to Heaven.

Jesus' friends walked down the dusty roads to the towns. (Make walking noises) They knocked on doors (make knocking sound) and told people about Jesus. They smiled (SMILE) and shared wonderful things about Jesus and how much He loved them. It was fun to tell people about Jesus!

We can tell people about Jesus too. He is the best thing we can tell people. Let's practice. Practice knocking and telling someone about Jesus or inviting someone to church.

Pray and ask God to help us tell someone about Jesus this week.

Sing this fun song to the tune of "BINGO."

Jesus told His friends to go into all the town-s
Go and tell the news, go and tell the news, go and tell the news,
Tell it to all people.

The helpers went and told the new to everyone the me-et
It was happy news, it was happy news, it was happy news,
News that Jesus loves them!

Hands-on Activities For Jesus' friends tell others about Him

Make a list of kids who have not attended church in a while. Separate the kids into groups and ask them to visit the kids and invite them to come to church now!

Draw a map of your apartment complex and/or surrounding area. Place it on the wall. Cut out footprint shapes for each child and label them with their names. Blindfold one child and let them stick their footprint on the map (put tape on the back of the footprint). After everyone's footprint is on the map, explain how each child can go out like the people in today's story and tell ALL the people about Jesus!

Make paper sandals to remind the kids to tell others about Jesus.

Make cards to send to people who have to come in a while. Mail the cards of encouragement to the kids and see who comes next week!

Invite the kids to go visiting with you this week. Let them go with you to knock on doors. Let them see how you knock on doors and invite people to church. This is a great way to teach by example.

Jesus mentioned that God loves us and knows many things about us. He even knows how many hairs we have on our head! Bring hair accessories, brushes, combs etc. for the kids to remember how much God loves them.

Jesus talked about how telling others about Jesus is like giving them a cool drink of water. Bring bottled water and replace the label with the phrase, "Tell others about Jesus" or something similar.