

Lesson #9

Topic: The Twelve Apostles

Lesson Plan

Grade Level: 3rd & 4th (Ages 9-10)

Lesson Duration: 45-60 minutes

Lesson Objectives:

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- Learn the names of the **Twelve Apostles**.
- Understand their role as Jesus' closest followers and messengers.
- Recognize that we are also called to share the Good News, just as the Apostles were.

1. Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Begin with a short prayer:

"Lord Jesus, You called the Apostles to follow You and spread Your Gospel. Help us to learn from their example and be faithful to You. Amen."

2. Who Were the Twelve Apostles? (15 minutes)

Bible Verse: *Matthew 10:1-4*

- Jesus **chose the Apostles** to be His closest followers.
- They journeyed with Him, gained knowledge from Him, and subsequently **disseminated His teachings**.

The Twelve Apostles:

1. **Peter** – Leader of the Apostles
2. **Andrew** – Peter's brother, a fisherman
3. **James (the Greater)** – Son of Zebedee
4. **John** – Brother of James, the beloved disciple
5. **Philip** – Told Nathanael about Jesus

6. **Bartholomew (Nathanael)** – Met Jesus under a fig tree
7. **Thomas** – Known for doubting before believing
8. **Matthew** – A tax collector who became an Apostle
9. **James (the Less)** – Son of Alphaeus
10. **Thaddeus (Jude)** – Also called Lebbaeus
11. **Simon the Zealot** – A passionate follower of Christ
12. **Judas Iscariot** – Betrayed Jesus (later replaced by Matthias)

Activity: Have students **repeat the names** aloud and see if they can remember at least six.

3. What Did the Apostles Do? (15 minutes)

- The Apostles **preached, healed, and baptized** people.
- They **spread Christianity** after Jesus' Resurrection.
- Some wrote parts of the **New Testament** (Matthew, John, Peter).

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus chose these men?
2. How do we continue their mission today?
3. Which Apostle's story do you find most interesting?

Activity: Have students match each Apostle's name with a **fact** about them in a fun worksheet.

4. Following the Apostles' Example (10 minutes)

- **We are also called** to share the love of Christ.
- We can be **modern-day apostles** by:
 - Praying and reading the Bible.
 - Helping others and spreading kindness.
 - Sharing our faith with family and friends.

Activity: Have students write or draw **a way they can share Jesus' message**.

5. Closing Prayer & Take-Home Challenge

- End with a prayer:
"Lord, just as You called the Apostles, You call us to follow You. Help us to be faithful and share Your love with others. Amen."
- **Take-Home Challenge:** Ask students to **memorize at least six Apostles' names** and share them in the next class.



Worksheet 1

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Activity 1: WORD SEARCH

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G	O	S	C	O	G	I	I	V	I	L	N	E	C	Q

**ANDREW, BARTHOLOMEW, JAMES, JOHN
MATTHEW, PETER, PHILIP, THOMAS**



Worksheet 2

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ACTIVITY 3: UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS

Unscramble the letters to find the right word. Use the hint to help you!

DSIPICLE

👉 Hint: A student or learner of Jesus.

SSENGEMER

👉 Hint: One who brings an important message.

FLLWOERO

👉 Hint: Someone who walks after and obeys Jesus.

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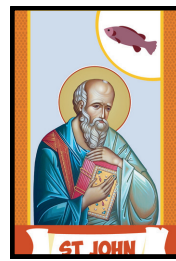
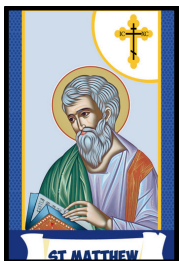
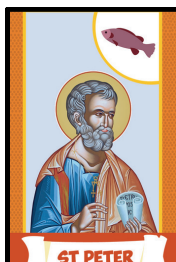
👉 Hint: A person who tells what they saw or heard about Jesus.

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👉 Hint: One who is sent to share the Good News in other places.



ACTIVITY 4: MATCH THE APOSTLE WITH THE DESCRIPTION



DESCRIPTIONS:

- A) Peter's brother, one of the first called by Jesus.
- B) The leader of the Apostles denied Jesus three times, but became very strong in faith.
- C) The beloved disciple stayed with Jesus' Mother at the Cross.
- D) A tax collector who became an Apostle and wrote a Gospel.
- E) Sometimes called "the Twin"; he doubted at first, but then believed.

