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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



## Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.



Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

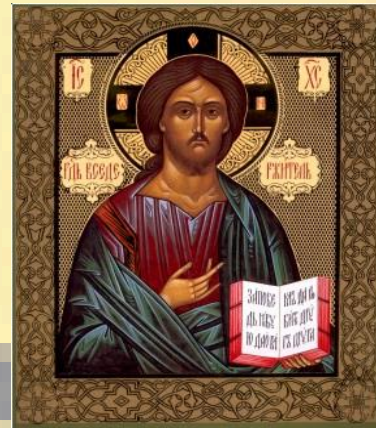
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



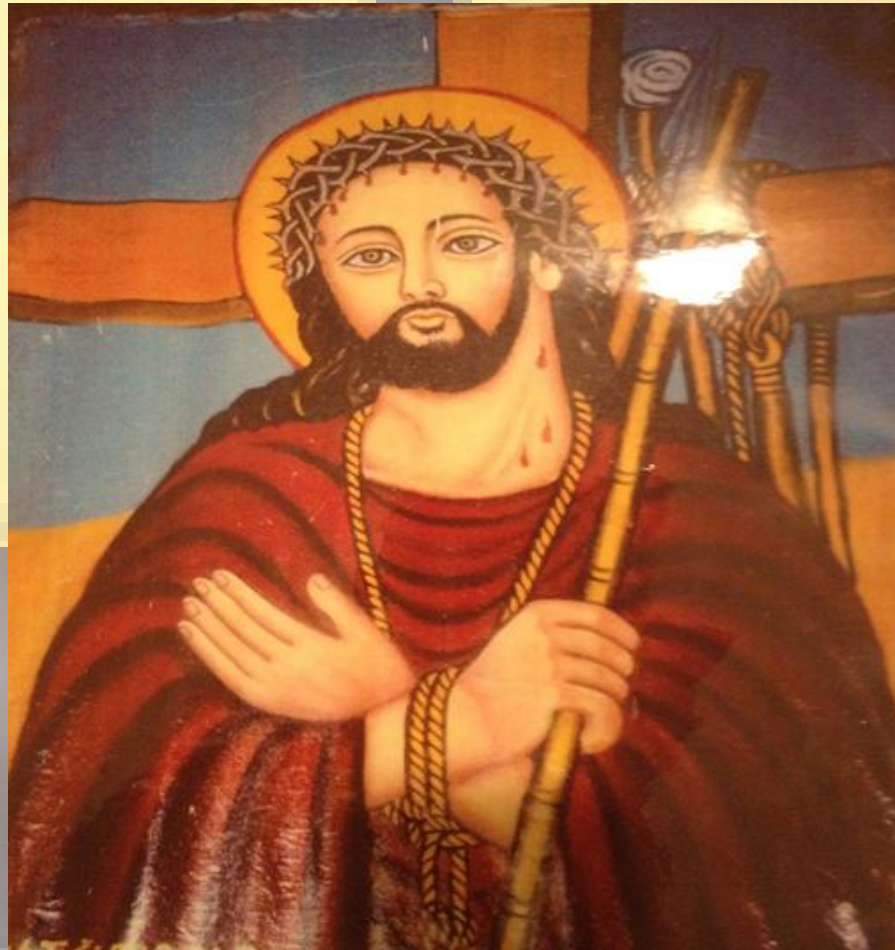
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



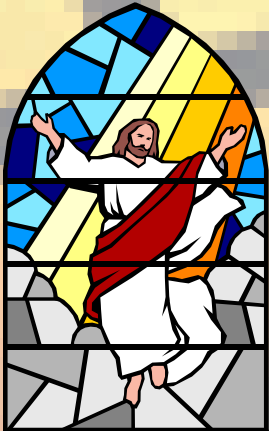
# MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me  
last week's  
memory verse???**

# **Recite Last week's memory verse**

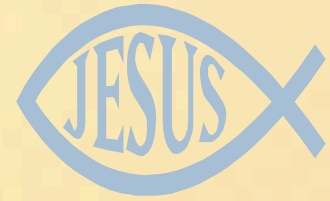
**“This is my beloved Son in whom I am  
pleased”.**

**(Matthew 3: 17)**





# Review

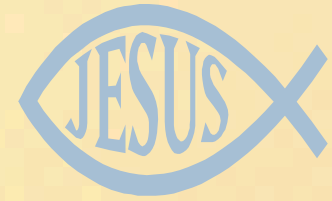


**1. Who led Jesus in the desert?  
(God's Spirit; God)**

**2. Who tempted Jesus in the desert?  
(Satan)**

**3. What did Jesus use to help him say  
no to Satan?  
(God's Word)**

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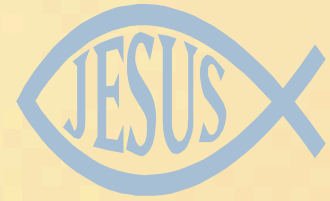
**4. Did Satan get Jesus to disobey God?  
(No)**

**5. Why is important for us to know and  
learn God's Word?**

**We learn God's word to know what  
pleases or what makes God happy,**




**We learn what we must do to obey Him  
and how to say no to Satan.**

# Review



1. Who baptized Our Lord Jesus Christ?  
(John)
2. Where was Jesus baptized?  
(In the Jordan river)
3. How old was Jesus Christ when He was baptized? (30)
4. What did John tell the people?  
(They should turn away from their sins; the promised Savior was coming.)

# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.



# Lord Jesus chooses 12 Disciples



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# Memorize today's Verse

**“Jesus called his twelve disciples and gave them power.”**

**ospel of Matthew 10:1**



**Practice this verse  
again during the  
week.**





# Introduction

**Today we are going to learn about how Jesus Christ chose 12 helpers also called Disciples or Apostles.**



**When Jesus Christ started His ministry (His work), a lot of people came to Him for help and healing. He felt that He needed special friends that can help Him in this work.**

**Who has friends? How many friends do you have?**

**Yes it was the same with Jesus, He needed friends to go everywhere with Him.**



If you have important choices to make,  
**Do you pray to God?**

Well, Our Lord **Jesus** did!

In a quiet mountain place, He spoke to His heavenly father. Jesus prayed until the sun went down. And prayed all through the long dark night.

So ***if Jesus prayed, do you think we need to pray before we do anything?***

Yes, we need to pray so that God will bless our work. We should pray for ourselves, for our parents and for our friends as well.

In the morning, Jesus chose twelve special friends. They were called *disciples or apostles*.

These 12 men were called by Jesus to be His disciples. That means, they were followers of Jesus and learned from Him.

The first two Jesus chose were brothers. Their names are **Simon Peter** and **Andrew**. They were fishermen. Jesus told them **“Come with me. I will let you catch people instead of fish”**.



They immediately left their boat and nets and went after Jesus. He also called **James** and **John** and they did the same. So Jesus called

*Peter, Andrew, John and James*

(Let the children repeat the names after you).



Then He saw **Matthew** who was collecting money. Jesus went to have dinner with him and Matthew left all his money and followed Jesus.

So, how many friends Jesus have now?

Yes He has five they are: **Simon Peter, Andrew, John, James and Matthew.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ  
chose *Philip, Bartholomew,*  
*Thomas, Simon the Zealot,*  
*Thaddeus, James, son of*  
*Alphaeus* and Judas Iscariot  
who later became Jesus'  
enemy.

Matthew [\[Mt 10:1-4\]](#)

Simon, who is called  
Peter

Andrew, his brother

James the son of  
Zebedee

John, his brother

Philip

Bartholomew

Thomas

Matthew, the tax  
collector

James the son of  
Alphaeus

Thaddaeus

Simon the Zealot

Judas Iscariot

Mark [\[Mk 3:13-19\]](#)

Simon (to whom he  
gave the name Peter)

Andrew

James the son of  
Zebedee

John the brother of  
James (to whom he  
gave the name  
Boanerges)

Philip

Bartholomew

Thomas

Matthew/Levi

James the son of  
Alphaeus

Thaddaeus

Simon the Zealot

Judas Iscariot

Luke [\[Lk 6:12-16\]](#)

Simon, whom he  
named Peter

Andrew his brother

James

John

Philip

Bartholomew

Thomas

Matthew/Levi

James the son of  
Alphaeus

Judas the son of  
James

Simon who was called  
the Zealot

Judas Iscariot

**The disciples were all supposed to help Him preach the word of God.**



**He had a very important job for them to do. Jesus told the men to go to people and tell them about the Savior and the coming of God's kingdom.**

**They were to say, "Jesus is God's Son, God sent Jesus into the world to save people from their sins and you must believe in Jesus."**



Jesus wanted people to know that these 12 disciples were God's messengers, so **He gave them power** to teach the good news, make sick people well, heal those who had skin diseases, and even raise the dead to life again.

Jesus, God's Son, gave them the power they needed to go out and serve Him.

**Our Lord warned his followers that the job would not be easy. Some people would not believe the good news about Jesus, God's Son.**

**Some people would get very angry. But the disciples did not need to be afraid. God would go with them everywhere they went and help them know exactly what to say.**

**After the disciples listened to everything Jesus said, they obeyed Him.**

**They went from town to town healing people and preaching the good news that Lord Jesus, God's Son, is the Savior.**

**The disciples were able to do the job Jesus gave them to do because they trusted God for the power to do it.**





# Conclusion

**Everyone has friends like Jesus. We and our friends should do the things that God likes.**





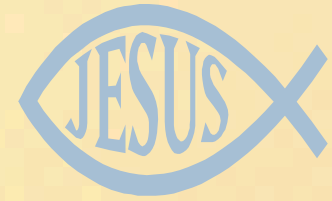
# Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.

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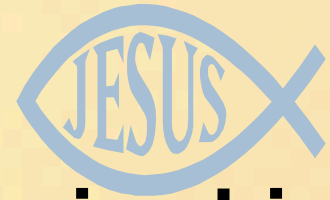


# Pop Quiz



- 1. How many disciples did Jesus choose? (12)**
- 2. What is a disciple?**
  - (Help children understand that a disciple is a follower and a learner. Jesus' disciples were called to follow Jesus and learn from him—the greatest Teacher of all; they were called to trust and obey him.)**

# Pop Quiz



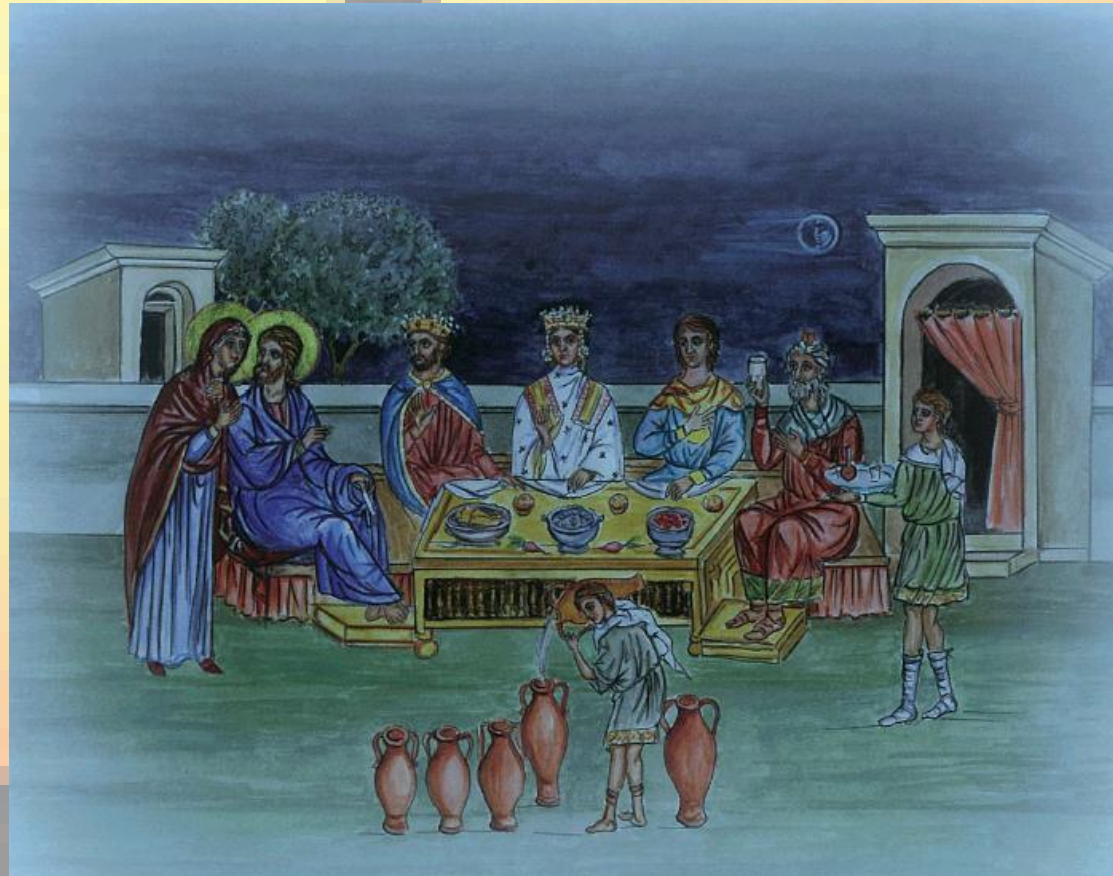
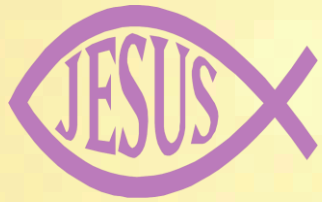
- **3. What special job did Jesus give his 12 disciples to do? (Jesus told the men to go out and tell people about the Savior and the coming of God's kingdom. He told them to heal the sick, even raise the dead to life again.)**
- **4. Who gave the disciples power to serve God? (Jesus, God's Son)**
- **5. Who gave them everything they needed for the journey?**
  - **(Jesus, God's Son)**



The End

# Next Week

We will learn about Miracle at Cana.





May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)







We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know  
the truth, and the  
truth shall make you  
free.” John 8:32*



Any question?

Close with prayer.

