

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

LIFE OF CHRIST #6 – “Jesus Chooses His Disciples”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: God has chosen you to do something special for Him.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.
5. Children feed peanuts to their team’s elephant according to points earned in contest.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Twelve Disciples”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #6 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

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PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (6 minutes)

**John 15:16** – ***“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit . . . .”***

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“**Crazy Stand-Ups**” – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this activity. Have different groups stand up to repeat the verse: those wearing blue, those who have a brother or a sister, those who like ice cream, those who brushed their teeth, etc. Try to choose a category that applies to as many children as possible.

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #1 – #6: (2 minutes)

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BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

**LIFE OF CHRIST #6 – “Be a Disciple Too!”**

(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

TAKE TIME TO REVIEW/QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children’s responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #6. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS: (6 minutes)

Teach information for Week #1. (See attached page.)

MISSIONARY TIME: (14 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while a child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #5. (See attached page.)
3. Pray for the missionaries. (See attached page.)
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Story: (*In person*) ***I Dare***, Week #5 - **OR** - (*Online*) ***Doctor in the Pygmy Forest***, Week #9/10

REVIEW TIME: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

**"Let's Go Fishing"** – Print the attached patterns on cardstock. Back them for the flannelboard. On the back sides, print one type of fish (Trout, Perch, Bass, Carp, Bluegill, Sunfish, Pike, Catfish) on two cut outs. Place them in rows of four on the board. Divide the class into two teams. When a child correctly answers a review question, he/she may choose any two fish on the board trying to make a match. If the two fish match, he/she takes them off the board. If they do not match, the fish should be placed back on the board. Play until all the fish are caught.) Several disciples that Jesus called to follow Him were fishermen. Today, we are going fishing right here in club. It is quite easy to catch one fish, but we are going to do something harder. We must catch two identical fish. – By Rita L. Lobdell.

Review questions for LIFE OF CHRIST #6:

1. **A person who learns from a teacher and who believes what that teacher says is called what?** (A disciple)
2. **By what name did John the Baptist call Jesus when he saw Jesus walk by?** (The Lamb of God)
3. **What did John the Baptist mean when he called Jesus the Lamb of God?** (Like the lambs used for sacrifices, Jesus was the perfect Lamb who would die on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of the world)
4. **What was the reason for Andrew's excitement in telling his brother about Jesus?** (He believed Jesus was the Promised One from God)
5. **What new name did Jesus give to Simon?** (Peter, a stone)
6. **Where was Nathanael sitting when Philip found him?** (Under a fig tree)
7. **Who did Nathanael say that Jesus was?** (The Son of God)
8. **What kind of work did Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John all do?** (They were fishermen)
9. **Why did people not like tax collectors like Matthew?** (Tax collectors were often dishonest people who stole money from others)
10. **How many men did Jesus choose to be His disciples?** (12)

\*COUNSEL TIME: (\*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

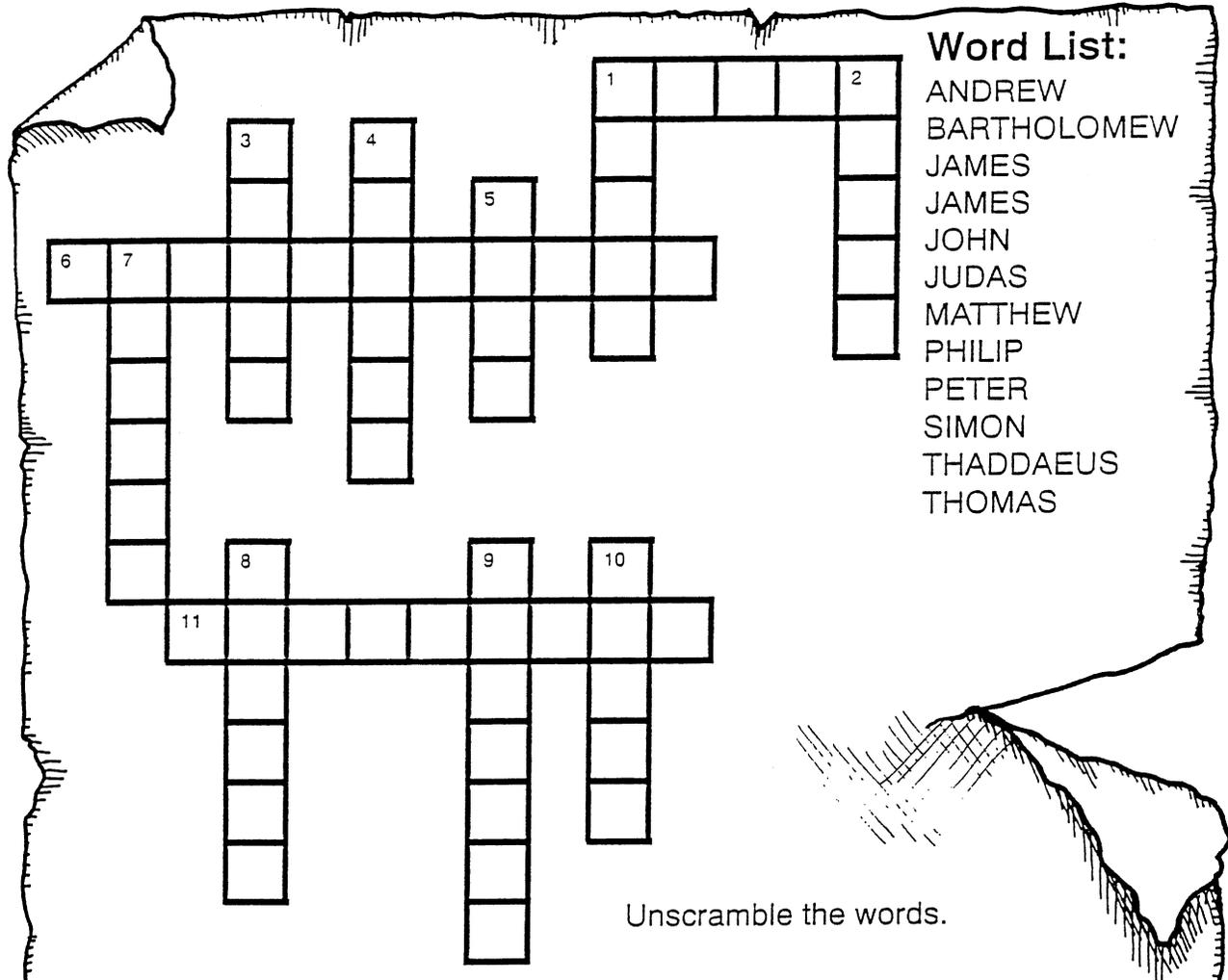
SEND HOME WITH THE CHILD:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, Life of Christ #6

Name \_\_\_\_\_

PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #6

# Twelve Disciples



**Word List:**

- ANDREW
- BARTHOLOMEW
- JAMES
- JAMES
- JOHN
- JUDAS
- MATTHEW
- PHILIP
- PETER
- SIMON
- THADDAEUS
- THOMAS

Unscramble the words.

**Across:**

- 1. JAESM
- 6. TOLHEWMOARB
- 11. ADESUDAHT

**Down:**

- 1. MAESJ
- 2. MIONS
- 3. ERTEP
- 4. MOHAST
- 5. HOJN
- 7. DEWRNA
- 8. LPIHPI
- 9. HETATWM
- 10. DSAJU

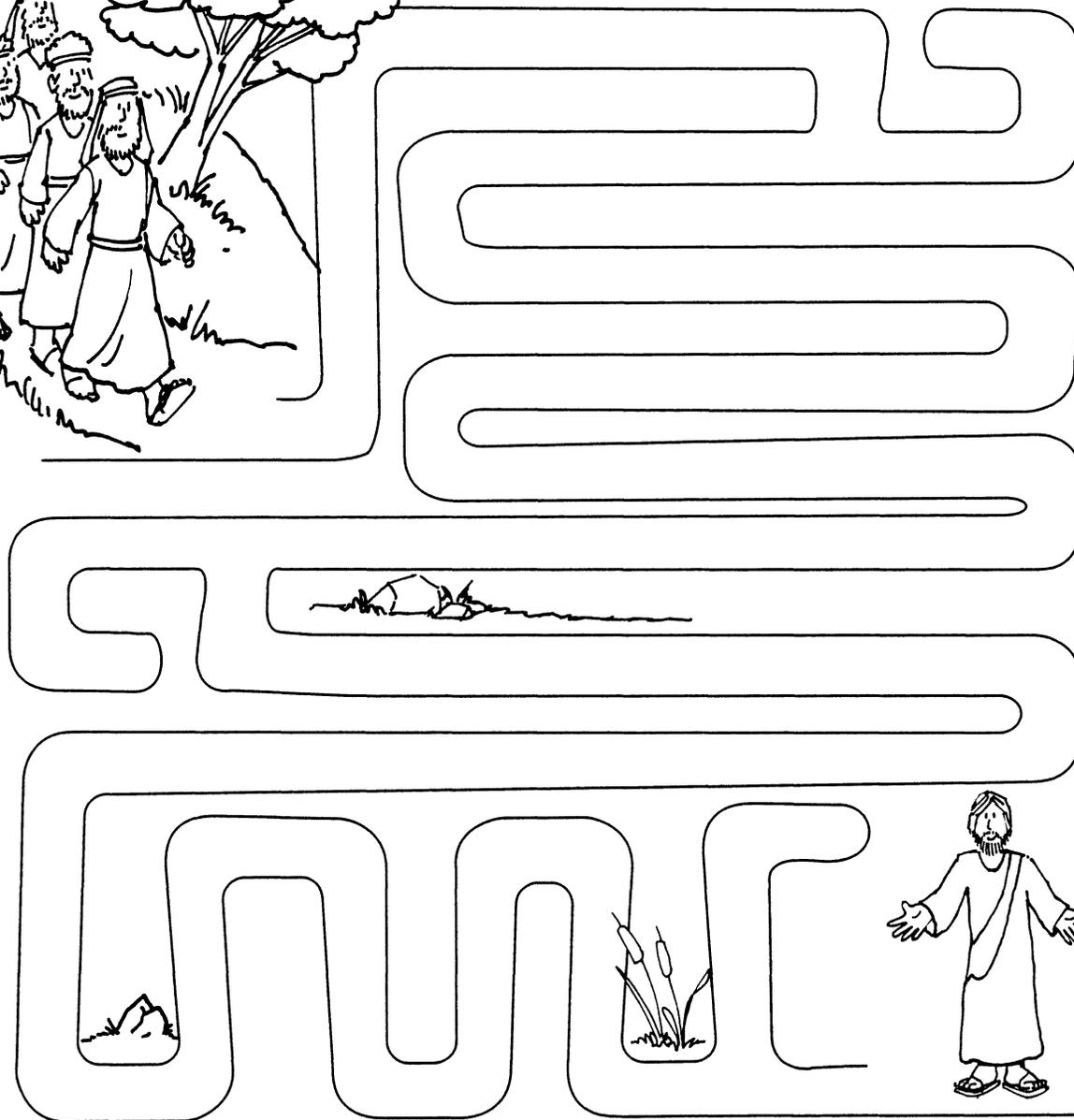
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**PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #6**

**J**esus chose several men to become special teachers of God's Word.



Help these 4 men find Jesus.



**“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you . . . .”  
John 15:16**

**James (Alphaeus)**

**Thaddaeus**

**James**

**Matthew**

**Nathaniel**

**Judas**

**Thomas**

**Andrew**

**Simon**

**Peter**

**Philip**

**John**

LIFE OF CHRIST #6  
Names of the Disciples

**Life of Christ #6**  
**JESUS CHOOSES HIS DISCIPLES**

**John 15:16**

***“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,  
that ye should go and bring forth fruit . . . .”***

**Introduction:**

(Fill a basket with candy, stickers, and small trinkets. Have each child come and choose what they would like.) It's fun to choose, isn't it? It's also fun to be chosen – like for a soccer team or to be the teacher's helper, or to be the first in line. We make choices and are chosen many times each day. Did you know that God has chosen you for a special job? Listen to our memory verse to find out.

**Presentation:**

Read the verse together from the visual. Then read the verse from the Bible.

**Explanation:**

**John 15:16** – This is the address of the verse. It's where it's found in the Bible.

***“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you,”*** – These words were spoken by Jesus to His followers when He lived on Earth, but they are also for His followers today. Because of our sin, we were unable to choose God's way, but because of His love, God chose us.

***“and ordained you,”*** – That means He appointed you or chose you for a special job.

***“that ye should go and bring forth fruit . . . .”*** – Just as God is pleased when a fruit tree is filled with good fruit, so is He pleased when your life is filled with His ways. When you follow God and obey His Word, you are fruitful in God's eyes.

**Repetition:**

Crazy Stand-Ups

Have different groups stand up to repeat the verse: those wearing blue, those who have a brother or a sister, those who like ice cream, those who brushed their teeth, etc. Try to choose a category that applies to as many children as possible.

# HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

## Life of Christ #6

### Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

John 15:16 – “Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit . . . .”

### Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

#### Intro

Have children stand up, point, and say, *“There is the Lamb of God!”*

#### Flashcard 6-1

Have children use fingers to name the disciples. The first two fingers will be John and Andrew. Say, *“God has something special for John and Andrew to do.”* Each time another disciple is chosen, put his name on the next finger (up to seven: John, Andrew, Simon Peter, Philip, Nathanael, James, Matthew). Each time, go back and review the names from the previous fingers. Each time, say, *“God has something special for (name of disciple) to do.”*

Have children say, *“We have found the Promised One!”*

#### Flashcard 6-2:

Say, *“God has something special for Simon Peter to do.”*

Say, *“God has something special for Philip to do.”*

#### Flashcard 6-3:

Say, *“God has something special for Nathanael to do.”*

#### Flashcard 6-4:

Say, *“God has something special for James to do.”*

#### Flashcard 6-5:

Say, *“God has something special for Matthew to do.”*

#### Flashcard 6-6:

Count the 12 disciples while pointing to their picture.

### **Bible Learning Game** (Follow the Leader)

By Linda D. Ruth

Lead the children around the room a time or two. (If space does not allow this, have children do these activities in their places.) You may have the children tiptoe or put arms out like a plane or walk with hands on knees or clap, etc.

After children have returned to their places, ask a review question. The child who answers correctly is allowed to be the leader for one activity or for one trip around the room

Then say, *“God has something special for you to do. Are you willing to follow what your leader, God, has for you?”*

Give several children a turn, making the statement, *“God has something special for . . . .”* after each one.

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# LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

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WEEK #1



Learning about  
the Bible <sub>1</sub>



Holy Bible <sub>2</sub>



God's Word <sub>3</sub>



Scriptures <sub>4</sub>

Each week in Good News Club (or Released Time Class), we use a very important Book to teach you about God. Who can tell me the name of this Book? Yes, it is the Bible. This year in club for just a minute or two each week, we are going to learn some important things about the Bible. **(Place figure #1.)** Later on in the year, we will be learning all the names of the books of the New Testament. *(We will learn the books of the Old Testament next year.)* But this week, I want us to learn three names for the Bible. Look on the front cover of my Bible to see what it is called. *(Show the cover of your Bible.)* It is called the *Holy Bible*. **(Place figure #2.)** *Holy* means “pure,” like God, and “set apart for God’s work.” The Bible is God’s Book. Sometimes, the Bible is called *God’s Word*. **(Place figure #3.)** Every word in the Bible is from God Himself, and that is why it is also called God’s Word. Another name for the Bible is *Scriptures*, **(Place figure #4.)** which means “writings”—God’s Writings. The Bible is truly a special book! Next week, we will learn more about God’s special Book.

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE JENKINS

### GO AND TELL BOX – WEEK #5

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#### NAMES and ADDRESS:

Mr. & Mrs. Jared Jenkins  
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Bradenton, FL 33510  
E-mail: [jaredjenkins59@gmail.com](mailto:jaredjenkins59@gmail.com)

#### BIRTHDAYS:

Jared – October 5  
Cindy – April 5

*Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a picture of children.*



What do you think this picture of children has to do with *going and telling*? (Let the children share their ideas.)

Our missionaries we will talk about today know how important it is for children to hear how Jesus died for them and wants to be their Saviour. Let’s learn a little about them.

#### INFORMATION:

I want to help you get better acquainted with our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins. (Show their picture.) Let’s call them **Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy**. (Have the children say their names.) They have four grown children and are also grandparents.

Mr. Jared was born and grew up in the country of India where his parents were missionaries. As a young boy, he asked Jesus to be his Saviour from sin. Even before he was old enough to go to school, he spent many days passing out *tracts* (pieces of paper that explain how to be saved from sin) with his father in different villages in India. Mr. Jared enjoyed being a missionary as a young boy.

Mrs. Cindy’s parents were also missionaries. She grew up in Nigeria, West Africa. Her father was a missionary pilot who transported food and medical supplies to other missionaries. She loved to go along with her mother when she taught the Bible in the schools and to watch the children sing the songs and learn the Bible stories.

The Jenkins have served in Suriname, South America as missionaries. They now live in Florida and share the Gospel with foreign students who have come to America to study in American colleges.

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## GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #5

### MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

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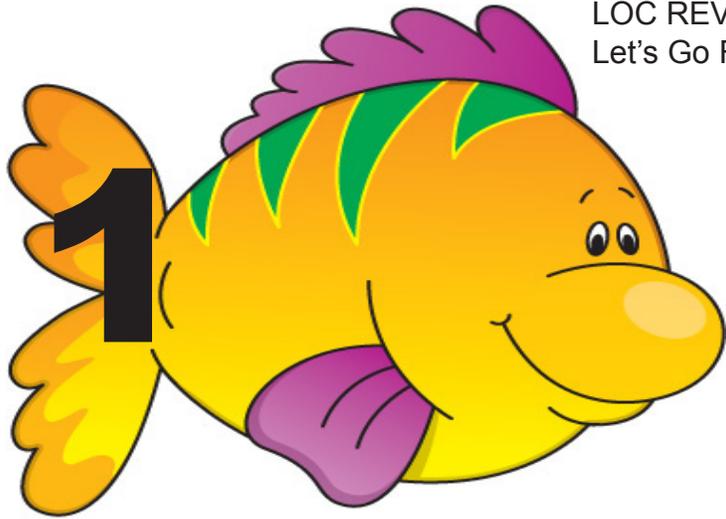
Dear God, thank You for Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy and for their willing hearts to serve You as missionaries wherever they live.

Dear God, help us to tell our friends and family about Jesus so they will love Him too.

Dear God, help others to be willing to go to Suriname to tell children there about the Lord Jesus.

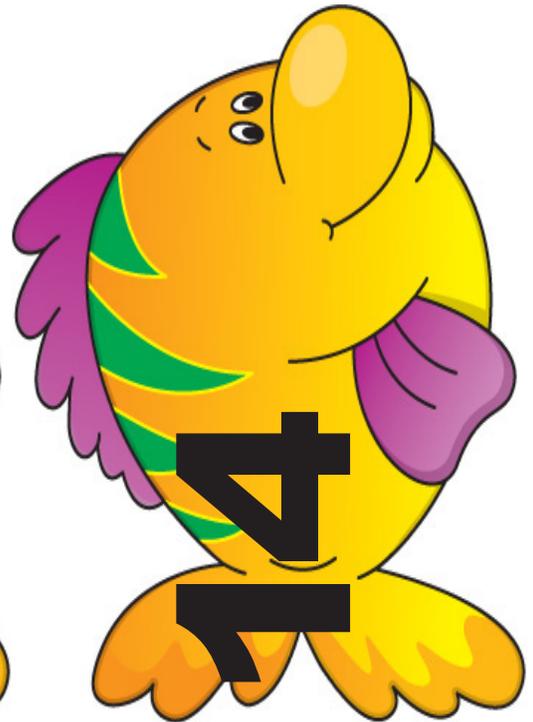


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**God has chosen you  
to do something  
special for Him.**



- Matthew and his friends were sinners, too
- The Jewish leaders who were there did not like that Jesus was eating with sinners

- Jesus, "People who are well don't need a doctor – only people who are sick. I did not come to call good people but sinners to change their mind about sin."

- Jewish leaders thought they were so good, they didn't need Jesus

- Matthew and his friends knew how much they needed Jesus; He had come to save them from sin

- Even though they were sinners, Jesus loved them

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- Jesus loved Matthew and his friends even though they were sinners

- Little while later, Jesus went up to a mountain prayed all night; He knew it was time to make His final decision on who His disciples would be

### FLASHCARD 6-6

- When morning came, Jesus gathered all His followers. Out of those, He chose 12 men

- Simon Peter and Andrew, John and James, Philip, Nathanael, and Matthew

- Jesus also chose Thomas, another James, another Simon, Thaddeus, and Judas

- Each man would travel with Jesus for the next 3 years; His closest friends; He would empower them to do amazing things for Him

- God wants you to do a job for Him too, but doing good things can't get you to Heaven

- Jesus is the only way to Heaven; you need Him

### INVITATION

**Titus 3:5 – "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us...."**

## S P, E L

### BOW HEADS RESPONSE

### CHALLENGE

## G – Go over MT

### GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU T ODO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM

**R – Review PAS verse John 15:16 – "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit...."**

### O – Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### W – Will you do it?

## LIFE OF CHRIST #6

**Matt. 4:17-22; Mark 1:16-20, 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32, 6:12-16; John 1:29-51**

- Have you ever been chosen for something?

- Maybe you've been chosen for a part in the concert, or the school play, or for a job at school

- There is something special about being chosen

- Jesus chose some men to do something important for Him

- One day, Jesus was walking near where John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing

- Two men were with John; Andrew and John, his disciples

- A disciple is someone who learns from a teacher and believes what that teacher says

- Andrew and John believed John the Baptist when he said God's Promised One was coming soon. They wanted to be ready for Him

- When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "See the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world."

- What did John the Baptist mean? How would Jesus take away the sin of the world?

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**Hebrews 9:22b – "Without shedding of blood is no remission."**

- This was the amazing way Jesus would take away the sin of world

- When Andrew and John heard that, began following Jesus

### FLASHCARD 6-1

- Jesus stopped, turned around; "What are you looking for?"

- Andrew and John; "Teacher, where do You live?"

- Jesus; "Come and see."

- So Andrew and John stayed with Him all the rest of that day. I'm sure they talked about many things and asked lots of questions

- When Andrew left, hurried to find his brother, Simon

- "We have found the Promised One!" Maybe he added, "You have to come meet Him!"

- Simon went along to meet Jesus

### FLASHCARD 6-2

- When Jesus saw Simon, He said, "You are Simon; you will now be called Peter."

- The name "Peter" means "a stone"

- Simon didn't know Jesus, but Jesus knew all about Simon; had special job for Simon Peter to do.

**MT – GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM**

- Jesus had chosen Simon Peter for a special job, even though Simon Peter didn't know it yet
- Next day, Jesus was looking for a man named Philip
- When Jesus found Philip, He said, "Follow me." He had chosen Philip for this special job too

**FLASHCARD 6-3**

- Philip was excited after meeting Jesus; He went right away to find his friend Nathanael
- Nathanael was sitting under the branches of a big fig tree
- Philip: "We have found Him! The One the writers of the Bible talked about; it's Jesus of Nazareth."
- Nathanael asked: "How can the Promised One be from Nazareth? Can any good thing come from that town?"
- "Come and see," Philip answered
- When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, He said, "Here is someone who is truly an Israelite."
- "This person really is who he says he is."

- Nathanael was shocked; "How do you know me?" he asked
- Jesus: "Before Philip called you, when you were sitting under the fig tree, I saw you."
- Jesus had never seen Nathanael before, but He knew all about him
- Nathanael: "Teacher, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
- Was Nathanael right? Yes!



- Nathanael was right when he said Jesus was the Son of God
- Jesus: "Because I told you I saw you under the fig tree, you believe? You will see greater things than this."

- Now Jesus had met 5 of the men He would choose as His disciples
- One day, Jesus did something that changed the lives of these men forever

**FLASHCARD 6-4**

- He was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee
- Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, and their friends John and his brother James, were fishermen
- They worked long and hard to catch fish and sell them

- As Jesus walked, He saw Peter and Andrew working on their fish net
- Jesus: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- They knew Jesus was asking them to leave jobs and families and travel with Him as disciples
- Didn't hesitate; they immediately left their nets and followed Him
- When Jesus walked little further, He saw James and John with their father, busy cleaning nets
- Jesus called them too; right away, they left their father and boat and followed Jesus
- Must have believed Jesus was Someone special; ready to give up everything for Him

**MT, PAS – GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM**

**John 15:16 – "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit...."**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- The men in our story were ready to do the job Jesus had chosen them to do

**FLASHCARD 6-5**

- One day Jesus walked by a man named Matthew (sometimes called Levi), who was a tax collector
- He collected the tax money that the Romans made people pay; many tax collectors kept some of the money for themselves
- Many Israelites hated tax collectors like Matthew
- When Jesus saw Matthew sitting at his office, He said, "Follow me."
- Matthew stood up, left everything, and followed Jesus. He, too, was ready to do what Jesus asked him to do.

- Matthew was so excited about Jesus that he had a party and invited Jesus and His disciples
- Matthew's friends were there; people like him who had been doing many wrong things. They were sinners.

**S, PAU**  
**Romans 3:10 – "...There is none righteous, no, not one."**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.