

Let's Be Disciples

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Hi, my name is Georgia.

I'm here and so delighted.

I can hardly wait to share;

I'm happy and excited.



Let's learn to be disciples!

That's a follower of Jesus—

Helpers who will spread His Word,

And what He's done to free us.

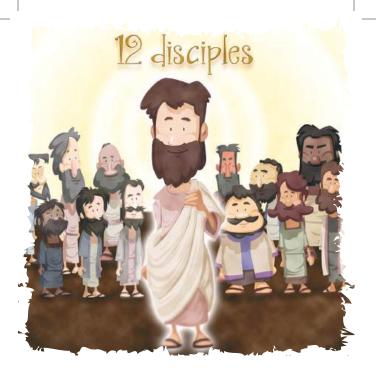


A disciple learns from Jesus.

To Him we all belong,

Sharing all that we believe,

Our faith, too, will grow strong.



And so we have the story: The first men He would choose; He called them His disciples, Although one He knew He'd lose.



He spoke to them in different ways,
At different times and place.
He found them where they lived and worked,
And called them, face to face.



Jesus came to Matthew,
Taking taxes at his booth.
He called him then to "Follow Me,"
And learn the Gospel truth.



He found others, also,
On the shores of Galilee.
They were working on their nets
To catch fish in the sea.



Jesus called to all these men:
"My friends, come follow Me!
No need to cast your nets again—
You'll fish for men you see."



Soon Jesus found a mountainside, And took the night to pray. And when the morning finally came, He chose twelve men that day.



Not one of His disciples Were rich, or great, or kings. He wanted ordinary men Who didn't have such things.



These were His closest friends.

He'd teach them what to say.

He promised He would be with them

Each step along the way.



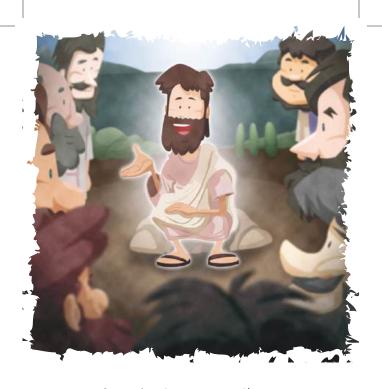
He chose them from His perfect love; He called each one by name. And when they followed Him that day, They'd never be the same.



Peter, Andrew, Philip—
each one He loved and knew,
Two who had the same name—James,
Then came Bartholomew.



There was Simon, John, and Thaddeus,
Thomas and Matthew, too.
The last one's name was Judas
Whose heart would not be true.



In order to prepare them,
Jesus taught them all, you see,
By spending years among them—
Not one, not two, but three!



And then they spread out far and wide
To travel through the land.
They stopped and taught along the way
To each woman, child, and man.



Jesus knew that people Would argue, fuss, and fight, Although not all believed, And did not see His light.



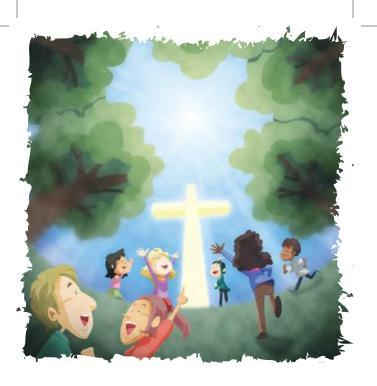
The Word of God is clear; To defend it there's no need. They knew their mission was To simply plant the seed.



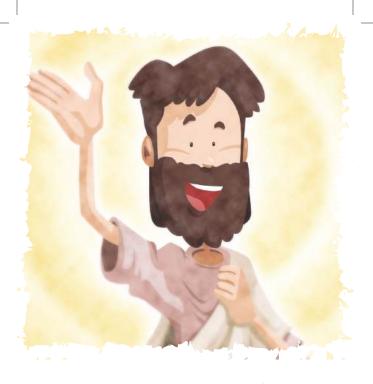
He said, "As My Father sent Me, Now I am sending you. Teach everyone just why I've come So they will know Me, too!"



From His very first disciples, They made more disciples, too. Now Jesus sends us out as well; It's time for me and you!



Share joyfully with those we meet
The sacrifice He made.
He died and rose for each of us.
Our sins have all been paid.



"Now go and make disciples, Teaching everyone who hears it, Baptizing in His holy Name the Father, Son, and Spirit."



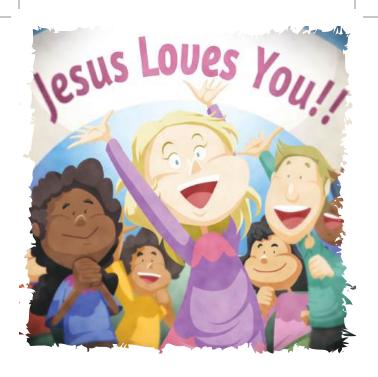
He's with us where we go; He's always in our heart. And we are His disciples now. It's time to do our part!



Now you can make disciples, too, By teaching of His love. Then more disciples He will have To tell of God above!



For God the Father loved the world,
He gave His only Son.
Whoever will believe in Him
Eternal life is won.



Now we know something wonderful.

Each word He says is true:

"Just as the Father sent Me,

Now I am sending you!"

The best thing kids can know is that God loves them dearly. He showed us that through the gift of His Son Jesus who invites everyone to follow Him. The invitation still stands. He wants each of us to be His disciple, His follower—and to help in making disciples of others. We can do this by telling others about Jesus and remembering He's with us wherever we go.

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