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THE APOSTLES

We know that we have Apostles in our church and we have them because when Jesus was here on the earth He chose twelve men to be Apostles. Jesus knew that He would not be here all the time and his message of love and peace had to be taken into the entire world. The names of the first Apostles whom Jesus chose can be found in Matthew Ch. 10 Vs 2 to 4. They were Simon called Peter, Andrew, James, John, Phillip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon and Judas Iscariot.

These men followed Jesus and saw the many miracles He performed. They



were taught many things by Jesus and we can find many of these teachings in the Bible. They saw Him taken to the cross and die, and after He was placed in the grave they witnessed His coming out of the grave because He came and spoke to them. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus told them they should take His teachings to all the nations of the world.

After they received the Power of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost they then took these teachings into the world.

After all the years that have passed since those twelve men were called, we should be so thankful to God that we today still have Apostles labouring in the Church, for the Apostle Office is the office of teaching.

Since the first Apostle was ordained for Australia in 1886 there have been eight Apostles who have laboured for the Lord, so it is important for us to always pray to the Lord that this Office of Apostle will be kept in the Church.



Following Jesus

The Apostles are ready to follow Jesus. They want to learn from him and help Him. Can you help them find the right path? Mark the right path, there is only one way to go.



Fishers of Men

Jesus showed Peter how to catch so many fish that his nets began to break. Then, Jesus said, "From now on, you will catch men." Jesus wants you to catch people for His kingdom, too!



Read Luke Ch5: 1-11

Twelve Disciples Crossword



Across

- 2. Jesus sometimes taught from inside this.
- 5. The disciples _____ everything and followed Jesus.
- 6. Jesus gave the disciples authority to drive out evil spirits and _____every disease.
- 9. John's brothers' name.
- 10. From this disciple's boat Jesus taught and performed a miracle with fish.

Down

- 1. Jesus said,"____ me and I will make you fishers of men".
- 3. This is the number of disciples Jesus chose.
- 4. Jesus told the disciples to let down their ____ and suddenly were able to catch fish.
- 7. We can be Jesus' disciples by trying to ____ all we can about Him.
- 8. The name for follower of Jesus Christ.

Twelve Disciples Maze





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JAMES	JOHN
JUDAS	MATTHEW
PHILIP	SIMON
PETER	THADDAEUS
THOMAS	JAMES







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Fishers of Men

One day Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee. It was actually a big beautiful lake and many men would try to catch fish there.

In fact, if you were to walk along the beach you would pass boat after boat after boat, with men working hard emptying their nets they used to fish with, getting ready to go back out to sea, or gathering all their fish together so they could take them to the store to sell them.

Jesus walked by many boats but stopped and watched some men at a



particular boat.

These men were Simon and his brother Andrew. They were working very hard and were frustrated about not catching any fish the night before.

Jesus went right up to their boat and asked them if they could put

their boat out into the water a little ways. He then climbed in, sat down and started teaching from the boat. People walking along the shore and the men in their fishing boats stopped to listen.

After Jesus was finished teaching He said to Simon, "Go out in deeper water and put your nets down into the water." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked all night trying to catch fish and we haven't caught anything. But only because you said so, I will let the nets down."

As soon as they had let the nets down, they caught so many fish the nets began to break. They quickly waved to their friends in the boat next to them for help. They began filling both boats with the fish they had caught but there were so many fish that the boats started to sink. Simon bowed down to Jesus and said, "Lord you shouldn't be near me I am sinful." All the men were amazed at what Jesus had done: "Simon, Andrew, and their friends in the other boat, James and John".



Then Jesus said to all of them, "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

Well these men immediately left everything they were doing and went with Jesus. They left their boat, their nets, and all the fish they caught. They left without a worry in the world, they somehow knew they could trust Jesus.

All together Jesus asked twelve men to be His disciples to follow Him and all twelve men agreed. All these men believed what Jesus said and followed His example.

They helped Jesus tell others about God - they were fishers of men.

These are the names of the twelve disciples: Simon, who Jesus liked to call Peter, his brother Andrew; brothers James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James and Thaddaeus; Simon and Judas Iscariot, who would later betray him.

These men were not all fishermen before they became disciples. They all did many different things and came from different types of families. They were not perfect either, they just wanted to try to be like Jesus and spread the good word about Him.