



JESUS CHOOSES HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

Grade A Disciples

Activity

Jesus chose twelve men to follow him and learn his ways. These men were willing to leave all they had and follow Jesus. They became Jesus' helpers and they taught others about the Kingdom of God. In this activity the children will learn more about Jesus' disciples.

Materials

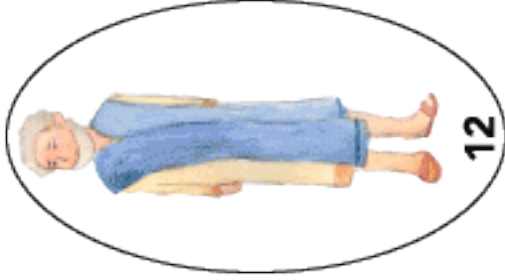
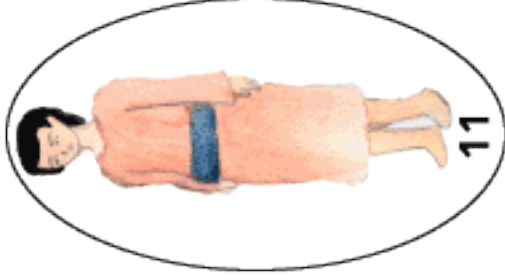
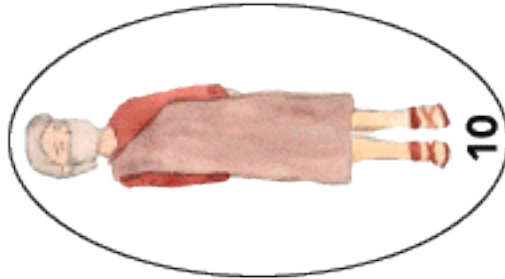
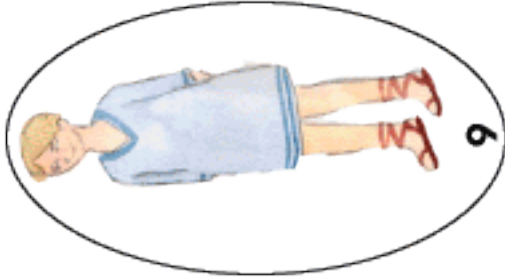
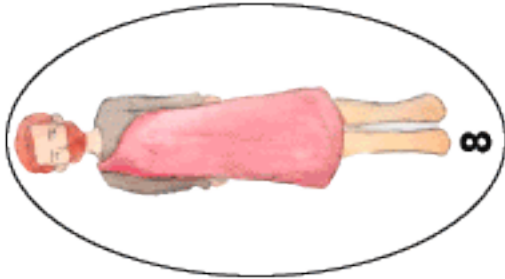
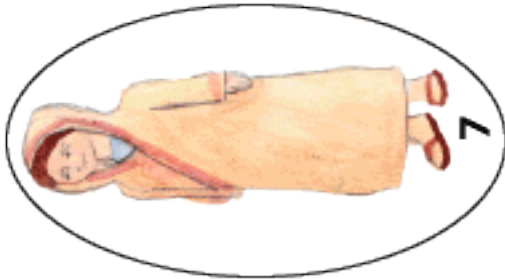
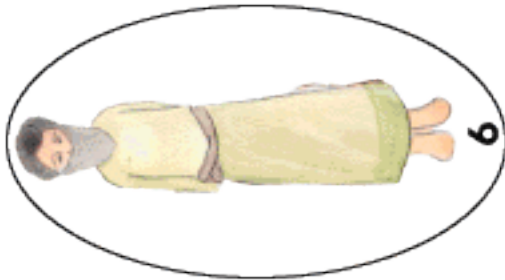
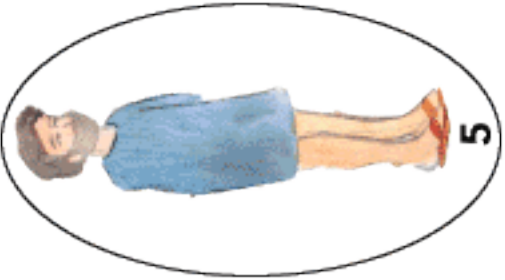
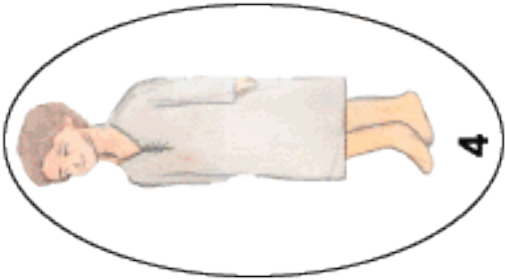
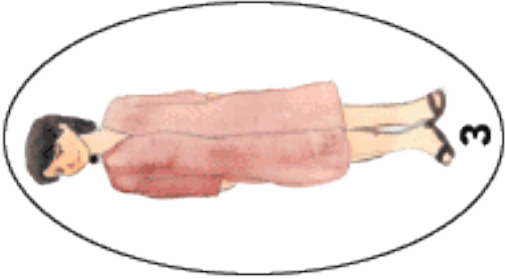
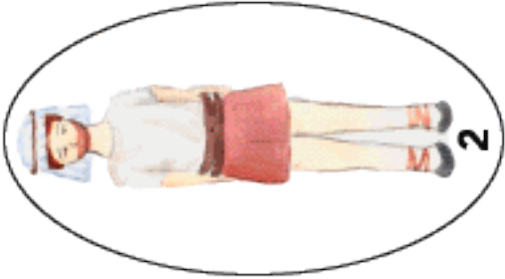
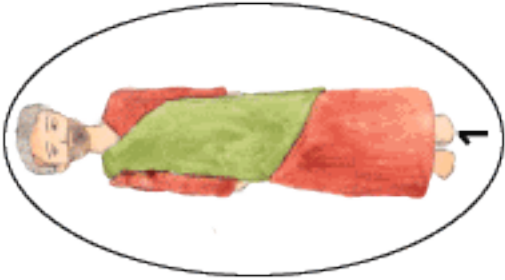
- Scissors
- Cardstock Paper
- Empty Egg Carton
- Tape or Glue

Procedure

1. Print and cut the "Grade A Disciples" on the following page.
2. Place the disciples in an empty egg carton.
3. Cut the "Grade A Disciples" top sheet and attach to the top of the egg carton (optional).
4. Have the children take turns choosing a disciple, and read the description of the disciple (from the following page.)
5. Talk about the disciple's responsibilities and how they traveled to different areas teaching others about God's Kingdom.

Explanation: Remind the children that disciples are Jesus' helpers and that we too can be disciples if we follow the teachings of Jesus and share it with others.







Grade A Disciples

The 12 Disciples of Jesus Christ spread his word throughout the earth. We should try and do the same as these disciples and spread His word. Here's some facts about the 12 disciples:

1. Andrew

Andrew was Peter's brother. He was a fisherman before Jesus called him to be a disciple.

2. Peter (Simon)

He was a child of Jonas, and he lived in Capernaum. Peter was a fisherman.

3. James Son of Zebedee

James was the son of Zebedee and a sibling of John the Apostle. He was a fisherman before Jesus called him to be a disciple. He was known for his forgiveness and courage.

4. John Boanerges (The Apostle)

John was the son of Zebedee. Some called him Beloved Follower of Christ. He was a fisherman before Jesus called him to be a disciple. John wrote many books of the Bible.

5. Bartholomew

Bartholomew lived in Galilee and was the son of Talmi. He spread the gospel in Armenia and was a missionary for a long time.

6. James, son of Alpheus

James was the son of Alpheus, and he lived in Galilee. He spread the gospel and was unfortunately persecuted in Egypt. Some say he was the brother of Matthew, the tax collector.

7. Judas Iscariot

Judas Iscariot was the son of Simon. Judas was the one who handed over Christ to the Romans for crucifixion.

8. Jude (Thaddaeus)

He was also the son of Alpheus, brother to James. He lived in Galilee and was one of the least known disciples. He preached the word in Persia and Assyria.

9. Matthew

Matthew was the son of Levi, and he lived in Capernaum. He was a tax collector. He wrote a lot and was the first person to document the life of Jesus through his book, Matthew.

10. Phillip

Phillip mainly spread the gospel in Phrygia. He was compassionate and had a warm heart too. He was a missionary of Christ.

11. Thomas Didymus

He was known as the doubting Thomas because he said that he couldn't believe that Christ had resurrected. He lived in Galilee and spread the Gospel in Parthia.

12. Simon

He was referred to as Simon, the Zealot. Simon was a dedicated man of God. He lived in Galilee.