

**LIFE OF CHRIST**  
from the gospel of  
**Mark**

**LESSON 20**

**JESUS SENDS OUT  
THE TWELVE**

**MARK 6:7-13**

# Life of Christ

## Jesus Sends out the Twelve

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### Younger Verse

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### Older Verse

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### Lesson Goals

**Learn who the twelve disciples were and what they did**  
**Learn that Jesus gave special instructions to the twelve men**  
**Learn that Jesus wants His followers to continue sharing the message**

### Opener

*Do your teachers or parents ever give you directions for things they want you to do? What do they tell you to do? Today we will learn about instructions Jesus gave His followers.*

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

As Jesus traveled around, He had twelve men who went with Him. These men were called His **disciples**. Of course, many others followed Him, too. But these men were special. Jesus chose them to learn from Him and follow His example. They would continue His work after He went back to Heaven.

Do you know the names of any of the disciples? There were two sets of brothers: James and John, called the Sons of Thunder, and Simon Peter and Andrew. Then there was Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot.

After Jesus raised Jairus' daughter back to life, He visited Nazareth. He had grown up in Nazareth. But the people there did not believe in Jesus. It was hard for them because they had watched Him grow up. So Jesus left Nazareth. He traveled from town to town, teaching people about God.

At that time, Jesus gathered His disciples together. Then He sent them out in pairs (two by two). He told them to do the same things He did for people. What kinds of things did Jesus do for people? (Wait for responses.) He healed people that were sick. He removed evil spirits from people. Jesus gave His disciples the power to be able to do the same things He did for others.

Then He gave them specific directions. He said, "You are to take nothing for the journey— except a walking stick. Do not bring any bread or money in your belt. You may wear sandals, but not an extra coat." Why do you think Jesus wanted them to take a walking stick

and sandals, but nothing else? (wait for responses.) It was so they would trust God to take care of the things they needed, such as what they would eat.

Jesus gave further instructions to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if you go to a place and the people will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave.” Jesus knew that not everyone would listen to the disciples. He didn’t want them to get discouraged when that happened. He said to just move on to the next town. Someone there would be ready for God’s message.

The disciples went out and preached that people should turn away from their sins. People got to hear the same things that Jesus would teach if He were in that town. They also removed many evil spirits and healed many people because of the power that Jesus gave them. Why do you think Jesus wanted them to go and do what He was doing? (Wait for responses.) Jesus knew that soon He would be returning to Heaven with God. He was preparing those disciples so they could continue what He started. That is why, even today, we are learning about Jesus. The disciples continued to tell others about God and now, 2,000 years later, it still continues with us.

**Review Questions**

1. How many disciples did Jesus choose? (twelve)
2. When Jesus sent out the disciples, what did He tell them to do? (Heal the sick, remove evil spirits, teach about God)
3. What did the disciples preach? (They told people to turn away from their sins.)

**Prayer Time**

Thank God that someone told us about Jesus. Pray that we will be good followers of Jesus by sharing Him with others.

**Life Application**

Jesus died on the cross and came back to life so that you and I can have a clean heart. He helps us to make choices that please God. Just like I am teaching you, you can go teach or share with someone else what you learn! You can be just like one of the twelve disciples that Jesus sent out.

God took care of the disciples as they went and followed Jesus’ directions. We, too, can trust that God will take care of us when we obey the things that Jesus teaches. We do not need to worry, but we can trust God and obey the things that Jesus taught.

Planning for Lesson 21  
Herod and John the Baptist  
Mark 6:14-29

## Preschool Lesson for

Jesus gathered His twelve special friends together. Then He put them into pairs. (*If you can, have the children sit in pairs next to each other.*) Once they each had a partner, He gave them a special gift and a special job. He gave them power to do the same things He could do! Does anyone remember the kinds of things Jesus did for other people? He helped people that were sick to feel better. Also, He made evil spirits come out of people. He gave His friends a chance to go tell others all about God, just like He did.

Then He gave them some specific directions to follow as they went:

First—Bring a walking stick (*If possible bring a tall stick with you.*)

Second—Wear Sandals to walk in (*If possible bring a pair of sandals.*)

Third—Do not bring any food

Fourth—Do not bring any money

And finally—Do not bring any extra clothes

How do you think they would be able to eat if they did not bring any food with them or if they did not bring money? (Wait for responses.) God would take care of them. God would give them what they needed. Isn't that awesome!

Then Jesus said, "If you go into a house, stay there until you leave the city you are in. If the people in a town do not listen, then leave." Wow! God gave them a place to sleep! Jesus must know how important it was for them to tell others about God. God gave them everything they needed while they shared with others.

So the men went out in pairs and did amazing things! They shared with people God's message, to change the way they were acting and to start following God. People that had evil spirits inside of them were healed. Anybody that was sick was healed and felt better! Jesus used His special friends to help more and more people learn about God. He can use you, too! It starts with you going to another person and sharing with them what you have learned about God! Let's name some people we can tell what we have learned.

Sing this fun song to the tune of "BINGO."

Jesus told His friends to go into all the town-s  
Go and tell the news, go and tell the news, go and tell the news,  
Tell it to all people.

The helpers went and told the news to everyone they met  
It was happy news, it was happy news, it was happy news,  
News that Jesus loves them!

## **Hands-on Activities for Jesus Sends out the Twelve**

Help the kids learn the names of the twelve disciples by putting the names to music. Talk about the disciples we know a lot about: Peter walked on water with Jesus; Matthew wrote the book of Matthew, etc. Remind students that we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Make a list of people who have not attended Bible study or church in a while. Have kids make cards to invite them to come back. “Send them out” to deliver the cards or go together.

Draw a map of your apartment complex and/or surrounding area. Place it on the wall. Cut out footprint shapes for each child and label them with their names. Blindfold one child and let them stick their footprint on the map (put tape on the back of the footprint). After everyone’s footprint is on the map, explain how each child can go out like the people in today’s story and tell ALL the people about Jesus!

Jesus talked about how telling others about Him is like giving them a cool drink of water. Bring bottled water and replace the label with the phrase, “Tell others about Jesus” or something similar.

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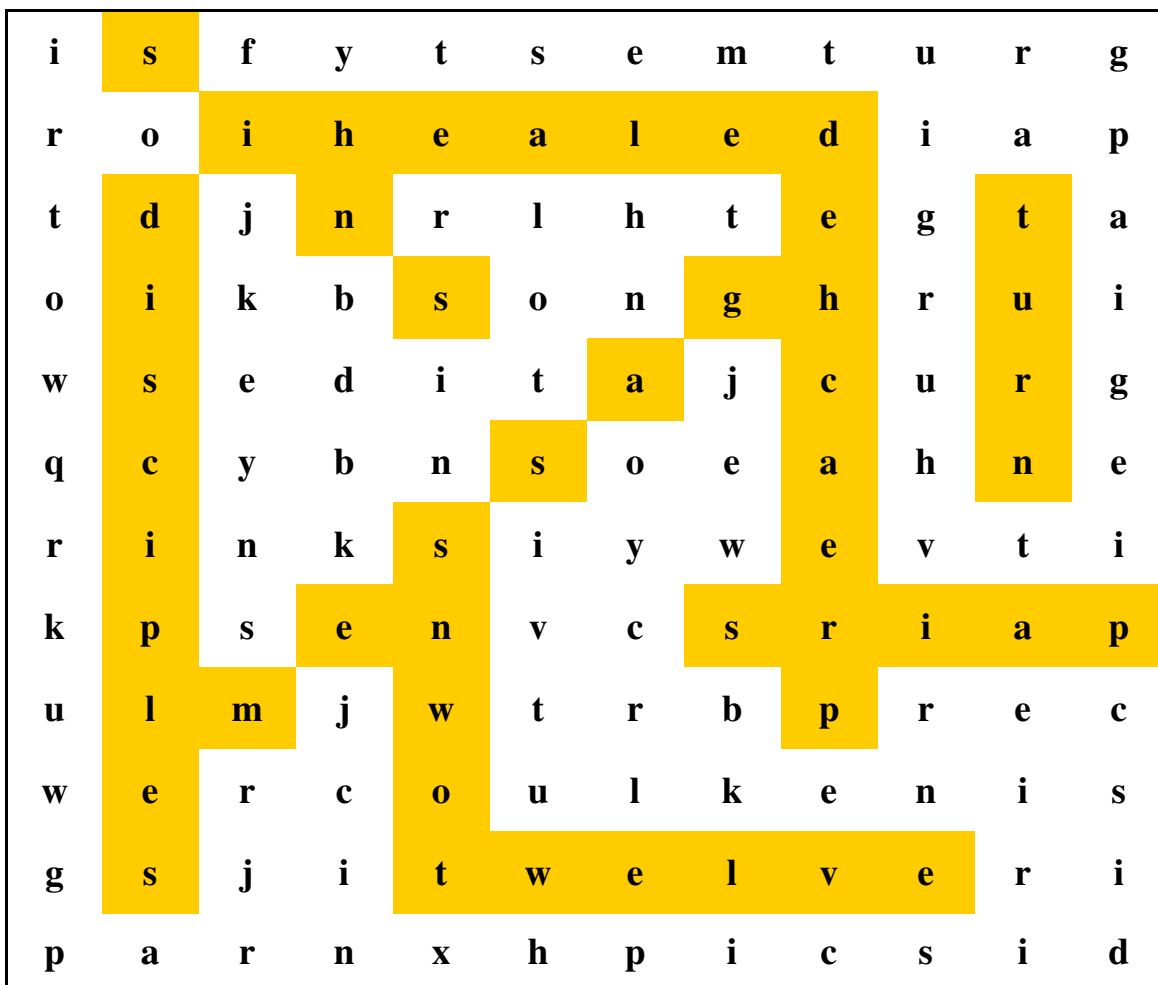
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