

Lesson No. ( 26 )

## Friends of Jesus

### References

Matthew 10:5-23, Luke 5:1-11,  
The Jesus Story by Mary and Herb Montgomery.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ Friendship is one of life's richest experiences. We must prepare our children to be friends and, in return, to have friends. We must love our friends unconditionally and love them for what they are.
- ★ Are we Jesus' friends? Do we put forth all our effort to serve His name and to teach His children His commandments? Are we able to go through all trouble to reach His loved ones and bring them to Him?
- ★ Are we able to teach love through love? Are we able to teach compassion through compassion? Are we able to teach mercy through mercy?

### Objectives

**General:** Jesus' love and care for us.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Learn that the Apostles are Jesus' friends.
- B. Know that Jesus gives us everything and to have Him as their own friend.
- C. Understand friendship and learn how to deal with friends.

### Bible Verse

**“God is love.”**

1 John 4:8

### Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
  2. Boat, net and some plastic fish.
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### Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (3) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

## Story Time

Jesus had good news to tell about God, but He did not want to do the work all alone. He wanted some friends to help Him. One day, Jesus was by a lake talking to people. Jesus got into a boat owned by a fisherman named Simon Peter. Jesus talked to the crowd from the boat.

When Jesus finished talking, he said to Simon, "Take your boat out to deep water. Then, throw your net in to catch some fish." Simon was tired. "We fished all night and didn't catch anything," he said. "But if You say so, I'll try again."

Down into the water went the nets. Many fish swam into the nets that Simon had to call his friends in another boat to come and help him. All together they caught two boats full of fish! Simon could not believe what had happened. He got down on his knees in front of Jesus. Simon's fishing friends, James and John, were surprised, too. They were also a little afraid.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus told the three fishermen. "From now on you will catch people. You will do it by telling them about God." They all went to shore. The fishermen left their work to follow Jesus. Simon, James and John were three of Jesus' special friends. They were called Apostles. Not before long, Jesus had twelve Apostles who helped Him in His work.

Jesus gathered all of His friends, the Apostles, around him.

Can we name some of them? Peter, Andrew, John, James, Matthew , etc.

Jesus talked to His friends about the work they have to do. He told the Apostles they should go everywhere and teach people about God's love. He told them to take care of sick people and help anyone who was in trouble or afraid.

They went to many places. Everywhere they went people invited them to stay in their home and gave them food. The Apostles blessed the houses they healed the sick and helped the poor and the needy. People were very happy with them.

After Jesus went to heaven His friends, the Apostles, wrote God's teaching for us here in the Bible.

### Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

### Learning Activities

Colouring Page.