

Two by Two

Matthew 10:1-16; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6; *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 349-358

Have you ever been asked to do something that you didn't know how to do? How did you feel? Were you scared or nervous? A long time ago Jesus called 12 men to do something they had never done before.

Would Jesus ever ask us to do something we could not do? He asked Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave their

jobs as fishermen and follow Him. They did follow Him. They left everything behind and traveled with Jesus as His special helpers.

He asked eight other disciples to follow Him too. Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew the tax collector, Thaddeus, Judas, Simon the Zealot, and another James, the son of Alphaeus—all became Jesus' disciples.

These men followed Jesus throughout Israel. What a wonderful time they must have had! They listened to Jesus

talk about heaven. They watched Him heal the sick.

Sometimes a person would run up to Jesus screaming and shaking as his eyes rolled around in his head. "Get out of him!" Jesus would say to a demon that

controlled the person. Instantly that person would be normal again. He would say "Thank You" to Jesus, and calmly walk home.

The 12 disciples had followed Jesus for several months. Jesus decided it was time for them to help others. So He told them He was going to send them out on their own—two by two. Then He told them



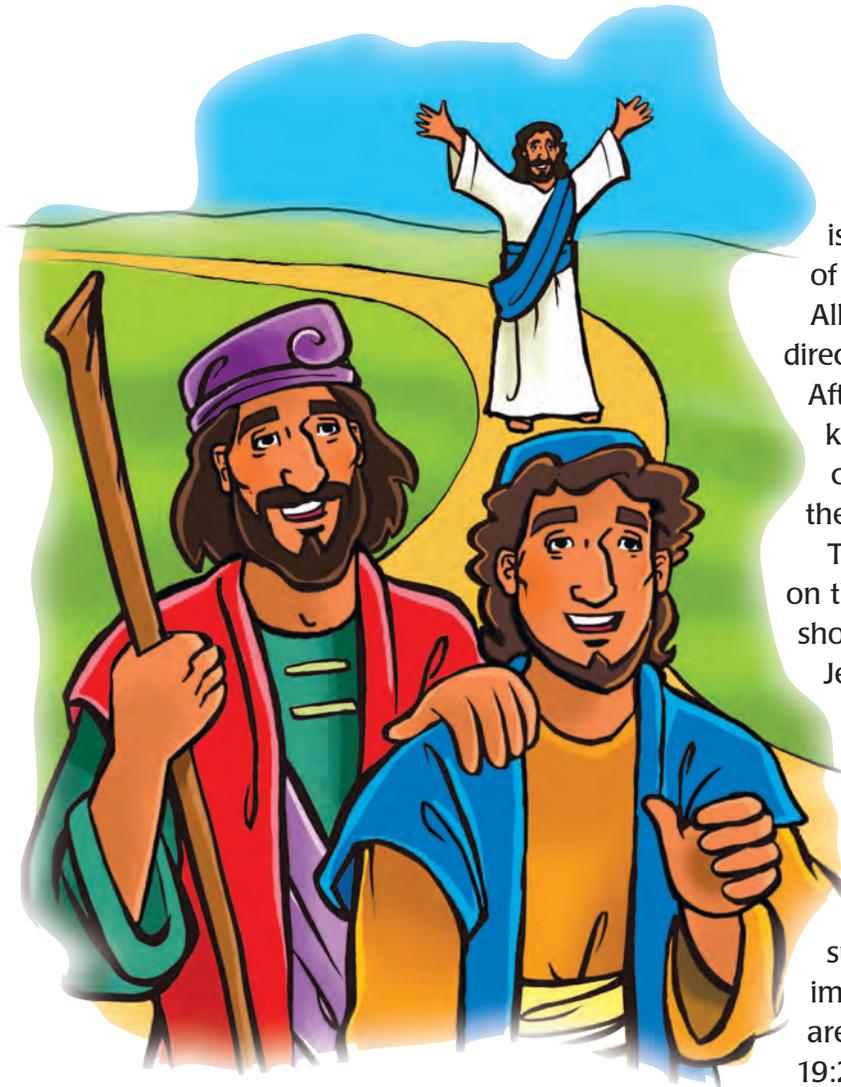
The Message

Jesus gives me what I need to serve Him.

Memory Verse

“ ‘Freely you have received, freely give’ ”

(Matthew 10:8, NIV).



to do some things they had never before been able to do.

“Tell everyone you meet that a place in God’s kingdom is ready for those who believe in Me,” He said. Then He added, “You will heal the sick and cure people who have leprosy. You will drive out demons and raise the dead.”

Raise the dead? No one can do that. Drive out demons? That’s impossible! But actually, it

isn’t. Jesus’ power can do all kinds of miracles.

All of the disciples followed Jesus’ directions that day. Are you surprised? After months of following Him, they knew Jesus could help them. They could do anything He asked of them.

They didn’t pack any bags to go on their trip. They didn’t take extra shoes or even a change of clothes. Jesus had told them not to worry about anything. He would give them what they needed to serve Him.

When Jesus asks us to do something, He never intends us to do it alone. He promises His support, even when it seems impossible. “ ‘With God all things are possible,’ ” He said (Matthew 19:26, NIV). All we have to do is

follow Him.

Jesus may not ask you to do the special work His disciples did. You may never heal the sick or restore sight to the blind. But you are Jesus’ child. He has asked you to serve Him with all your heart. He has promised to take care of you. He will make what you can’t do into something you can do for Him. Let Him help you serve Him today.

S A B B A T H

DO Go outdoors with your family and search for “twos.” (Two birds together on a tree; two animals together on the ground, etc.) Write or draw about the “twos” you find. Find out more about “twos” as you read your lesson together.

DO Repeat the memory verse before prayer. Thank Jesus for the “twos” you saw today.

S U N D A Y

READ During family worship read and discuss Matthew 10:1-4. How many disciples did Jesus have? Write the number here _____. Try to learn all their names by singing “There Were Twelve Disciples” (*Sing for Joy*, No. 63) often.

DO Say your memory verse and then do it in sign language. Sign language is one way to tell others about Jesus.

M O N D A Y

READ Together with your family, read and discuss Matthew 10:5-8. Mark 6:7 says that Jesus sent the 12 disciples out _____ by _____. Why?

DO Try this: Face a wall. Stand arms length from it. Keep your feet together. Lean against the wall so that only your forehead touches it. Keep your body straight and stiff. Cross your arms in front of you. Try to stand upright. Can you do it? Now ask a family member to help you. Working together also helps you to serve Jesus better.*

DO Write your memory verse. Thank Jesus that you can write.

* Adapted from *Fun-to-Learn Bible Lessons: K-3, Volume 2* (Loveland, Colo: Group Publishing Co., 1995), pp. 47, 48.

T U E S D A Y

READ During family worship, read together Matthew 10:9-16. Name things you usually take with you on a trip. Which would the disciples have taken on their mission trip? (verses 9, 10) Why? Pray for people who are traveling today.

SING Sing “There Were Twelve Disciples” (*Sing for Joy*, No. 63).

DO Say your memory verse to someone. Ask Jesus to help you as you speak.

T H U R S D A Y

READ During worship, read and discuss Romans 12:6-8. Ask: Who gives everyone abilities to serve Him? Ask your family what their gifts are. Make a list. Ask: How are you using these gifts to serve God? Pray for God’s help for each person as they use their gifts.

DO Draw a picture to tell what your memory verse means.

W E D N E S D A Y

SHARE Read Matthew 28:19, 20. God will help us to spread His good news wherever we go. List here three places you can spread His good news.

(1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____.

DO Sing “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (*Sing for Joy*, No. 83). Instead of “on the mountain,” substitute the places that you wrote above—one at a time. For example, “Go, tell it in my classroom, that Jesus Christ is born!”* Thank Jesus for music.

* Adapted from *Fun-to-Learn Bible Lessons: K-3, Volume 2* (Loveland, Colo: Group Publishing Co., 1995), p. 50.

F R I D A Y

DO Gather together for family worship with not enough chairs, not enough songbooks, not enough Bibles for everyone, etc. Does Jesus give us enough—all that we need to serve Him? How do you know? Read together *Philippians 4:13, 19*.

DO Tell your Bible lesson story to your family. Say your memory verse together. During worship this week you shared your memory verse with sign language, writing, speaking, making music, and drawing. Jesus gave you the ability to do all this to serve Him. Thank Him for it.

DO Sing “There Were Twelve Disciples” (*Sing for Joy*, No. 63). Pray that God will help all of you to use your gifts for Him.



A disciple wants to become like the teacher—not just learn what the teacher knows.

Freely

you have

received,

freely

give.

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PUZZLE

Directions: Find the names of Jesus' 12 disciples. Look in all directions.



X	C	M	L	I	T	Q	N	B	P	D
F	T	A	J	S	K	F	L	U	E	B
R	H	C	I	Y	M	R	N	W	T	V
B	A	R	T	H	O	L	O	M	E	W
Q	D	P	H	I	L	I	P	T	R	M
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