

# JESUS PREPARES HIS DISCIPLES FOR AN ASSIGNMENT

*(Capernaum, Galilee)* — After he had asked twelve men to be his special followers, Jesus told them it was time for them to go out on an assignment. He wanted to send them out to all the towns around Capernaum to tell the people about God and Jesus, and how much God loves them.

The twelve men that Jesus sent were named Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (there were two named James), Thaddaeus, Simon the Patriot, and Judas Iscariot.

Jesus sent the twelve disciples out because there were too many people to reach and he could not reach all of them. He knew many people wanted to learn everything they could about God's kingdom. Everywhere he went the crowds were big and people asked good questions. So he sent the twelve out. He told them to teach the same things he was teaching. And he gave them power to heal people's diseases.

Jesus told the twelve to say, "God's kingdom is near! Good news!"

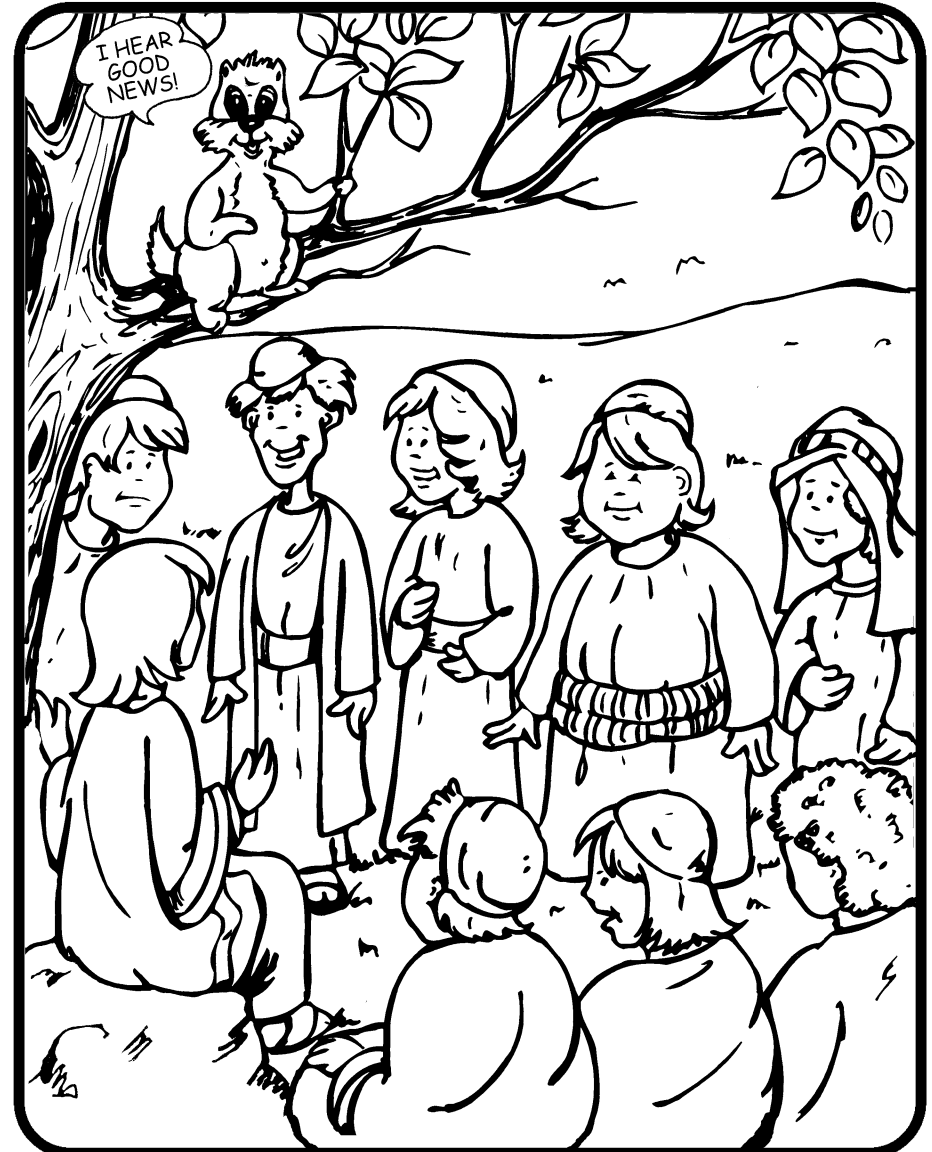
*Matthew 9:35—10:8*

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# GOSPEL GRAMS



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



## ANSWERS

MISSING WORDS:

1. Jesus had **TWELVE** disciples.

2. Jesus sent his twelve **DISCIPLES** to preach the good news.

3. The disciples preached in the towns around **CAPERNAUM**.

4. One of Jesus' disciples was named **MATTHEW**.

5. Jesus gave his followers **POWER** to heal diseases.

6. The disciples told people all about God's **LOVE**.

7. Many people wanted to **LEARN** everything they could about God.

8. The people asked good **QUESTIONS**.

9. **YOU** can tell the good news also.

10. The good news is "God's kingdom is **NEAR**!"

HIDDEN MESSAGE:

GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR!

**Finish The Picture.** Today's Gospel story tells how Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to tell the good news about God's kingdom. What do you think it would have been like if you had been there listening? Here is a picture of two of the disciples telling the good news. Draw yourself into the picture, listening to them.



**Hidden Message:** Jesus told his disciples to tell some wonderful good news. To discover what they said, use the code below to find the message. Take all the letters numbered "1" to spell the first word. Do the same with numbers 2, 3, and 4.

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Message:

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**Missing Words.** Jesus told his followers to tell the good news. The sentences below are from today's Gospel story. Use the words from the word list to fill in the blanks.

WORD LIST:	QUESTIONS	YOU	DISCIPLES
	POWER	CAPERNAUM	LEARN
	LOVE	NEAR	TWELVE
	MATTHEW		

1. Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ disciples.
2. Jesus sent his twelve \_\_\_\_\_ to preach the good news.
3. The disciples preached in the towns around \_\_\_\_\_.
4. One of Jesus' disciples was named \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus gave his followers \_\_\_\_\_ to heal diseases.
6. The disciples told people all about God's \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Many people wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ everything they could about God.
8. The people asked good \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ can tell the good news also.
10. The good news is "God's kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_."