

12 Special Friends (Christianity)



Aim

- I can explain who Jesus' disciples were.

Success Criteria

- I can name some of Jesus' disciples.
- I can tell you how Jesus chose his disciples.
- I can think about how the disciples felt about being chosen as Jesus' friend.

Jesus' 12 Disciples

Jesus chose 12 special friends to be his disciples (followers) and apostles (teachers, people on a mission). Their names were:

Peter

Andrew

James

John

Phillip

Thomas

Matthew

Bartholomew

James the
Younger

Simon

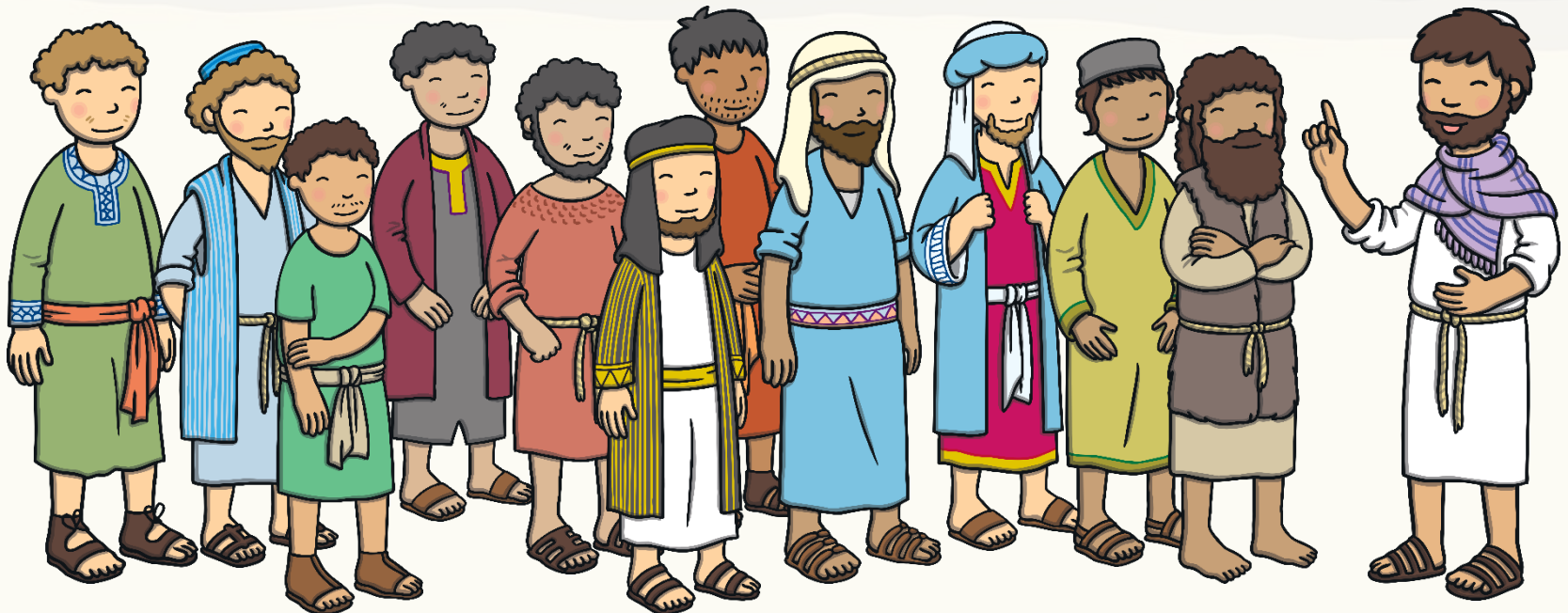
Thaddeus
(Jude)

Judas

Jesus' 12 Disciples

Jesus' disciples left everything behind; their friends, their families and their homes and followed Jesus.

The disciples listened carefully to what Jesus said and told other people all about Jesus and what he did.



Thoughts and Feelings



Which words could you use to describe how the disciples felt?

What do you think the disciples might have been thinking?

What do you think you would have said and done if you had been in that situation?



The Story of Jesus' Disciples

Jesus walked along the banks of the Sea of Galilee. He saw two fishermen standing on the shore. He said to Simon and Andrew, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately, the two men left their nets and followed Jesus.



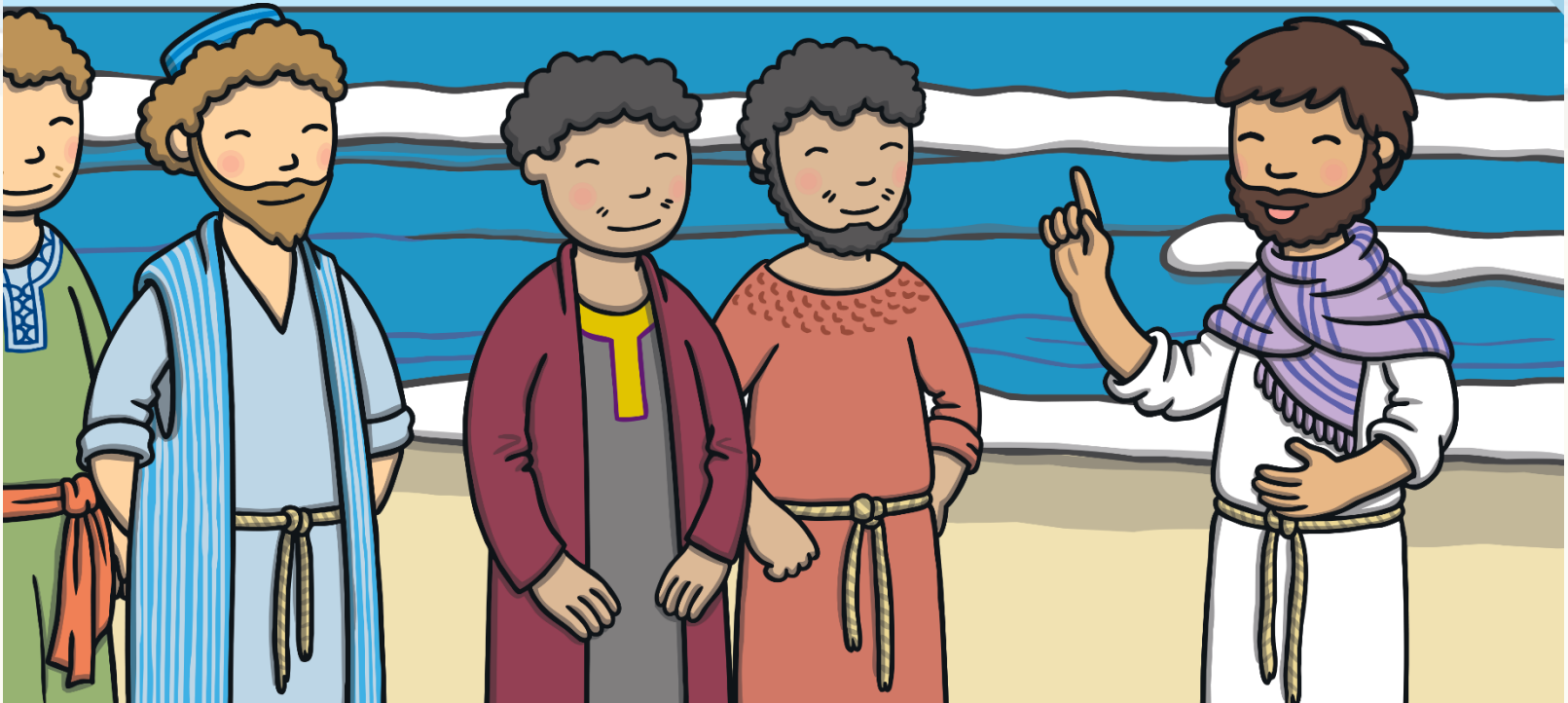
The Story of Jesus' Disciples

Jesus walked along the shoreline with Simon and Andrew. They saw a small fishing boat with two brothers and their father in. The men were getting their nets ready for a day of fishing.



The Story of Jesus' Disciples

The brothers were called James and John. Jesus spoke to them. They also immediately left their nets, the boat and their father, and followed Jesus.



The Story of Jesus' Disciples

On the way to Galilee, Jesus found Phillip and his friend Bartholomew. They started following Jesus and became his next disciples.



The Story of Jesus' Disciples

Thomas and Matthew were Jesus' next disciples. Matthew was a tax collector and some people thought tax collectors were cheats, but Jesus knew Matthew was a good man.



The Story of Jesus' Disciples

James was the youngest disciple and was sometimes called James the Younger.



The Story of Jesus' Disciples

Simon the Zealot (a political party) and Thaddeus followed Jesus next and then Judas became Jesus' last disciple.



Story Discussion



What were some of Jesus' disciples called?

Peter, Andrew, James, John, Phillip, Thomas, Matthew, Bartholomew, James the Younger, Simon, Thaddeus (Jude), Judas

What jobs did they have?

tax collector, fisherman, political party member

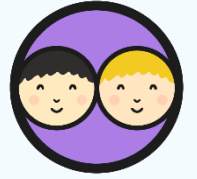
How do you think Jesus chose his disciples?

Jesus chose his friends carefully. He chose people who were willing to follow him. People he could teach.

What type of people did he choose?

Jesus chose different types of people. They were different ages, from different backgrounds and from different religions. They were different ages and from different backgrounds.

How Do You Choose Your Friends?



Think about the friends you have...

What is it you like about them?

