



MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

The Twelve Disciples

**MATTHEW 4:18-22, 9:9-10,
10:2-4; JOHN 1:43-49**

BIBLE WORDS

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

JOHN 15:12, NLT

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with twelve men who were Jesus' friends. They were called the disciples.

"Peter and Andrew were friends with Jesus. They were brothers who were fishermen. James and John were friends with Jesus too. They were brothers and fishermen too! Jesus had another friend named James. Matthew was a friend of Jesus. He was a tax collector. Phillip and Nathanael were friends with Jesus. And Thomas, Judas, Thaddeus, and Simon were friends with Jesus. The disciples were from different places. They had different families and different jobs. Jesus loved every one of them because **Jesus loves everyone.**"