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TODDLERS
WEEK FOUR

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, "Jesus and the Disciples" Activity Page, cardstock, blocks or craft rolls, tape, and a foam heart cutout; *Optional:* 13 Little People® men figures in place of "Jesus and the Disciples" Activity Page, cardstock, and blocks or craft rolls

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 the disciples. (*Start lining up the disciples taped to blocks or craft rolls, or the Little People® figures.*) They were Jesus' friends. (*Place the "Jesus" figure at the front of the line.*)

"Peter and Andrew were friends with Jesus. (*Pick up the first and second person after the "Jesus" figure.*) They were brothers and fishermen. James and John were friends with Jesus too. (*Pick up the third and fourth person after the "Jesus" figure.*) They were brothers and fishermen too! Jesus had another friend named James. (*Pick up the fifth person after the "Jesus" figure.*) Matthew was a friend of Jesus. (*Pick up the sixth person after the "Jesus" figure.*) Matthew was a tax collector. Phillip and Nathanael were friends with Jesus. (*Pick up the seventh and eighth person after the "Jesus" figure.*) And Thomas, (*pick up the ninth person*) Judas, (*pick up the tenth person*) Thaddeus, (*pick up the eleventh person*) and Simon were friends with Jesus. (*Pick up the last person.*) The disciples were from different places. They had different families and different jobs. Jesus loved every one of them (*put the heart with the disciples*) because **Jesus loves everyone.**"