

That night Jesus went up into a mountain to pray. He stayed there alone all night, and next day he called those whom he wanted to come to him. Just think how glad each one would be as he heard Jesus call him. What happiness to go about everywhere with Jesus and be his helper and messenger. "He appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach," our Golden Text tells us. He also gave them power to heal sickness and to cast out evil spirits. You know the names of four of those whom Jesus called. Yes, those four fishermen disciples were the very first whom Jesus called. Simon was the first one called, then James and John and Andrew. Jesus called Simon by a new name, Peter, and that is what we shall call him after this.

Then Jesus called Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and Thomas and another who was called James and Thaddæus and another Simon and Judas Iscariot, who afterwards betrayed Jesus to his enemies.

For days and days these men were to go about with Jesus, hearing him speak and seeing the beautiful God-like life he lived. Some of them afterwards wrote stories about Jesus, which we love to read in our Bibles.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did the crowds follow Jesus ?
2. Who said bad things about him ?
3. What did they say ?
4. What would they have liked to do to Jesus ?
5. Where did Jesus go then ?
6. What did Jesus tell his disciples to have ready for him ?
7. Why could he not spend all his time in healing ?
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9. What did he do next day ?
10. Why did Jesus call those men ?
11. What else did he give them power to do ?
12. Who were the first four whom he called ?
13. What new name did Jesus call Simon ?
14. Name all the apostles whom Jesus chose that day.
15. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Hymn

With a childlike heart of love
At Thy bidding may I move ;
Prompt to serve and follow Thee—
Loving Him who first loved me. Amen.

—Hymn 575, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LEARN OF JESUS

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—71. What are some of the common ways of taking God's name in vain? Profane swearing, and speaking about God and holy things in a light or thoughtless way.

The Question on Missions

6. What School Homes are there in Quebec? There are four, each of them having from 10 to 15 boys and girls. These are brought to the Schools by their parents on Monday mornings, and are left under the care of the Home matron until Friday evening. They go to a nearby school or are taught in the Home.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of Jesus preaching, and remember the things he has said to you.

