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MYOCN PEW PALS



SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Have you ever heard people in church talk about disciples, apostles, or evangelists? Those words can sound big and confusing, but they are actually easy to understand! Let's break them down:

A **disciple** is someone who follows Jesus and learns from Him. **Think of a disciple like a student in Jesus' school.** The disciples listened to Jesus' teaching. They watched the way He loved and cared for others. They tried to live the way Jesus taught. Anyone who loves Jesus, prays, learns His teachings, and tries to follow Him is a disciple.

The word **evangelist** comes from a Greek word meaning "good news." **An evangelist is someone who tells others about Jesus so they can know His love too.** There are four Evangelists who wrote the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. They wrote down Jesus' life, teachings, parables, and miracles so the whole world could know Him. If you invite a friend to church, tell someone "Jesus loves you," or share a Bible story with your family – you're acting like an evangelist!

An **apostle** is someone who is sent out by Jesus to spread His message. The word apostle means "one who is sent." Jesus chose 12 Apostles, like Peter, James, John, Andrew, and Matthew. **They traveled to different places to teach, preach, and build the early Church.** Apostles were Jesus' close helpers. They saw Jesus' miracles. They were sent out to help the world know Jesus. If your teacher gives you an important job to do – like delivering a message or helping someone – you are being "sent" just like an apostle. **May we be inspired by the disciples, evangelist and apostles!**

Family Homework

- **Be a Disciple Challenge** – Read (or have a parent read) one Bible verse.
- **Evangelist Activity** – "Share the Good News Jar" – Create a jar and fill it with slips of paper labeled with simple ways to share Jesus' love
- **Apostle Activity** – "Sent to Serve" Family Mission – Donate toys, clothes, or books.

Memory Verse

**"Follow Me."
– Matthew 9:9**



Craft - Follow Me Footprints

Materials:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Glue
- Large paper or poster board



Instructions:

1. Trace your foot (or both feet) on construction paper and cut them out.
2. On each footprint, write ways to “follow Jesus” –like pray, help others, forgive, share, tell the truth.
3. Glue the footprints in a line on the poster or wall to make a “path of faith.”
4. In the center, write:
5. “Jesus said, ‘Follow Me.’” – Matthew 9:9

Optional: Add a small cross or heart at the end of the “path” to remind kids where Jesus leads us—toward love and eternal life.

Table Discussion

“Which one can you be today – a disciple, evangelist, or apostle?”

Saint Spotlight

SAINT MATTHEW

Saint Matthew was a tax collector before he became a disciple of Jesus. When Jesus called him, he left everything behind to follow Him. Later, he wrote one of the four Gospels—the Gospel of Matthew—so that everyone could learn about Jesus’ life and teachings.

What We Learn from Saint Matthew:

- Jesus calls everyone, no matter what they’ve done.
- We can share God’s love through our words and actions.
- When we follow Jesus, He can turn our lives into something beautiful!

