

Lesson Plan

FAITH EXPLORERS

CHAPTER 13

Disciples Sent by Jesus

Objective

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. **Understand that Jesus chose 12 apostles to share His mission.**
2. **Recognize the role of the apostles and the Church in spreading the Gospel.**
3. **Realize that we too are called to spread the Gospel with the help of the Holy Spirit.**

Introduction

Ask the students:

"If you had important news to share with the whole world, would you do it alone or would you choose friends to help you?"

2. *Explain:*

Jesus also chose helpers - the apostles - to share His Good News with the world!

Presentation of the Topic

1. Jesus Begins His Mission:

Jesus, the Anointed One, started preaching the Gospel.

2. Jesus Chooses the Apostles:

- He chose 12 apostles to share His mission.

- The word 'Apostle' means "one who is sent."

3. The Twelve Apostles Are:

- Peter, Andrew, James (Jacob), John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus (Jude), Simon, Judas Iscariot.

4. Jesus Sends the Apostles (Matthew 10:5-8):

- Jesus instructed them:

Proclaim the Good News: "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.

5. The Apostles' Mission:

- They traveled to different places, preached, healed the sick, performed miracles.
- They received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, gaining gifts and strength.

6. Leadership of Peter:

- Peter was chosen as their leader.
- He became the first Pope and a martyr in Rome.
- Popes today are Peter's successors and lead the Church.

7. Holy Spirit's Role:

- Holy Spirit gave the apostles gifts and charisms like faith, prophecy, healing, wisdom, etc., to preach boldly.

8. Mission to the World:

- Jesus said:

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)

9. St. Thomas and India:

- St. Thomas, one of the apostles, came to India and preached the Gospel.
- He became a martyr in Chinnamalai of Mylapore near Chennai.

10. Our Role Today:

- We receive the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Anointing.
- We too have gifts and charisms to witness Jesus through our thoughts

Habit Formation

- **I will try to share the love of Jesus with others.**
- **I will use my talents to spread goodness and kindness.**

Activity

'Fishers of Men' Craft: Make a paper plate aquarium with 12 fish, each having an apostle's name and a simple fact.

Bible Verse

John 20:21

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(Ask children to repeat)

Conclusion

Jesus needs each one of us to continue His mission today - just like He needed the apostles.