



Jesus and the Apostles

Jesus needed some special disciples to help him. They were called apostles.

The first called were **Simon Peter** and **Andrew** his brother, who were fishermen. He also called two more brothers who were fishermen. They were **James** and **John**, the sons of a man named Zebedee.

Later he called others to follow him; **Philip**, **Bartholomew** (Nathanael), and **Matthew** (Levi), who was a tax collector. There were also five more chosen.

After Jesus died, rose again, and went back to the Father, **Matthias** was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, who had betrayed Jesus.

Later **Paul** was chosen to be an apostle. He wrote most of the letters in the New Testament.

We learn a song to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me" to help us remember them.

Jesus called them one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Next came Philip, Thomas, too,
Matthew and Bartholomew.
James, the one they call the Less,
Simon, also Thaddaeus,
The last apostle Judas made.
Jesus was by him betrayed.

This story can be found in John 1:35-49 and Acts 1:12-26

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