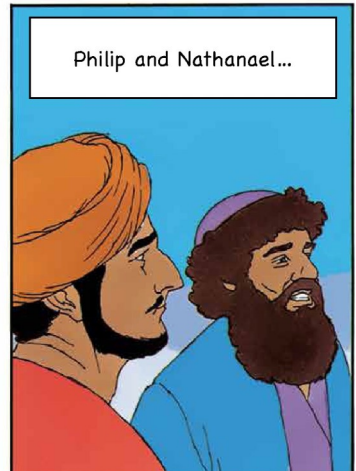
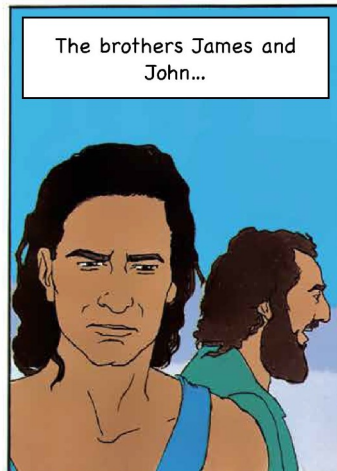
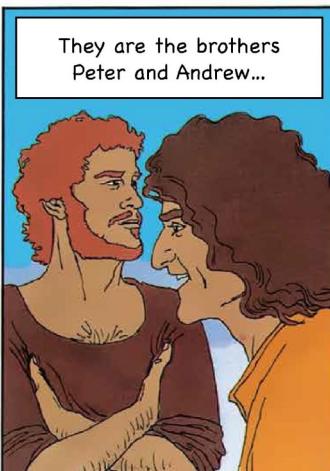
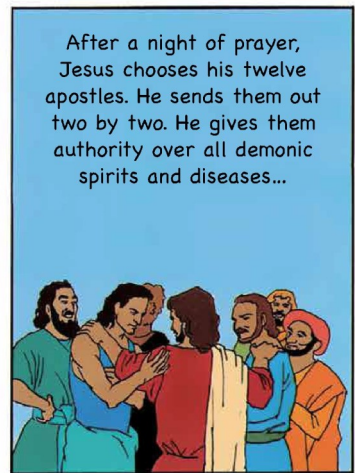
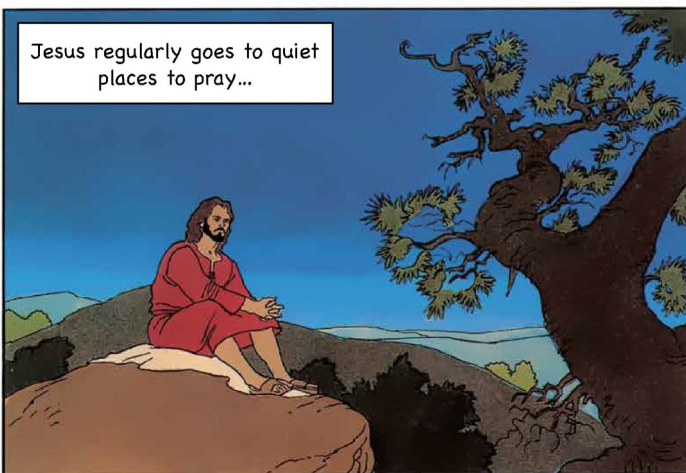
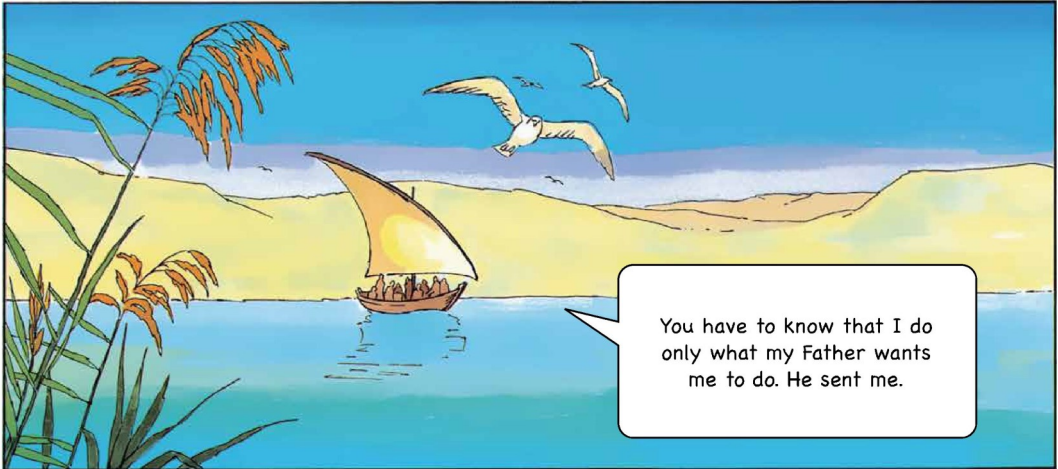
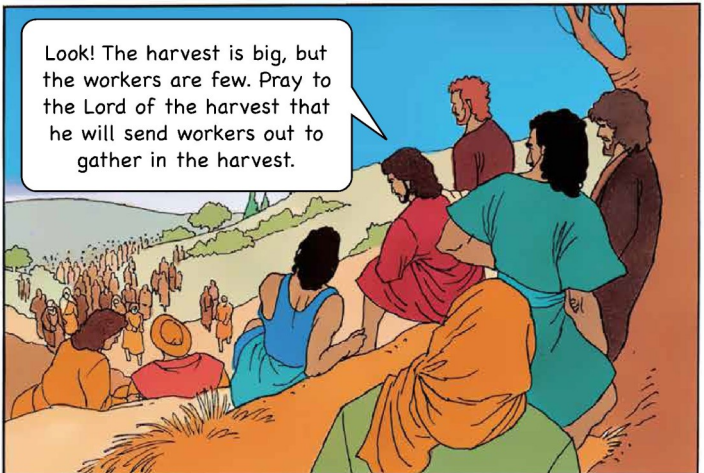
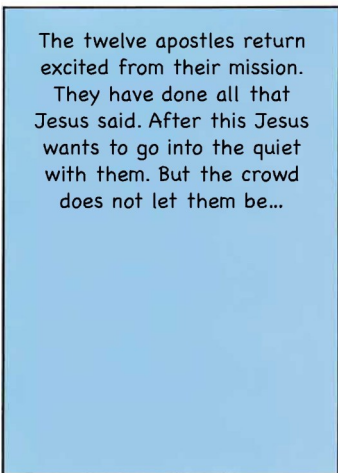
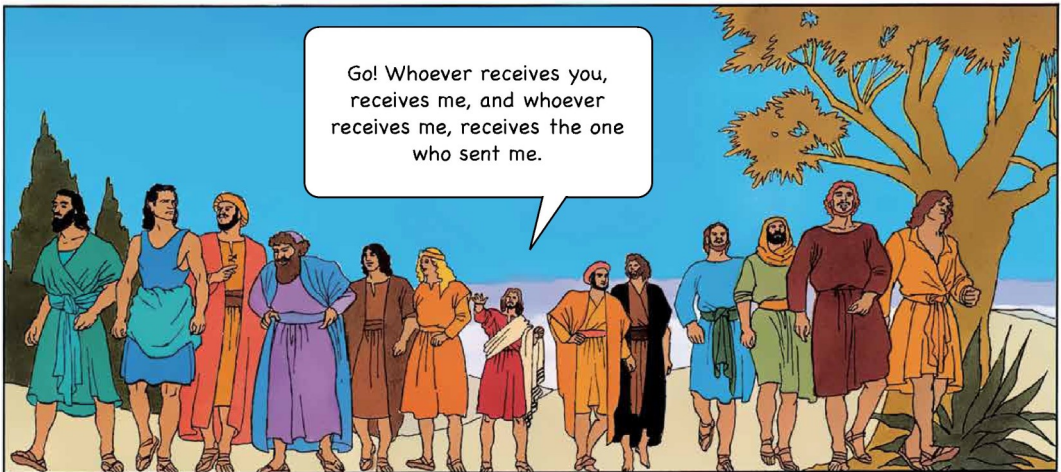
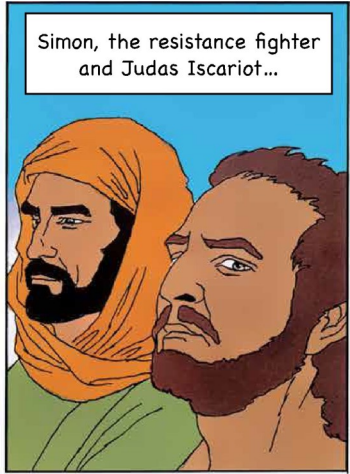
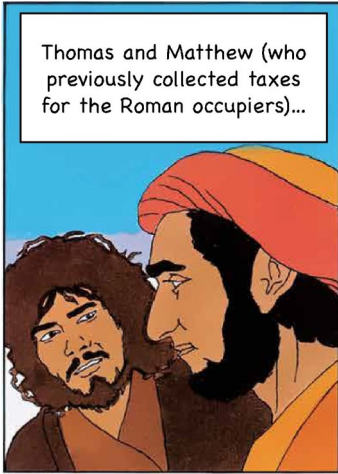


THE MISSION

READ FOR YOURSELF: Matthew 9:35 - 10:4







THE MISSION

It is clear: the Lord Jesus prays for people. You read that again and again.

It is also clear that He loves all sorts of people. You can see that by the way He chooses His disciples. There are shy people among them and people who talk a lot. They are fishermen, an accountant, a freedom fighter, a book-worm. For Him they all have the same worth.

In one thing all the disciples are the same. They all love Jesus (except one, but we will talk about Him later). That is why they all really want to go with Him. They leave everything behind in order to follow Him: their parents, their house, their work. They are young men. They also leave behind their own plans for the future. Because following Jesus is more important than everything else. The meaning of disciple is, after all, 'one who follows'.

Are only these 12 His disciples? No. The Lord Jesus also has many more followers. Maybe you are one of them. The story of Jesus and His disciples is not yet finished! It gets even more exciting. The story continues in your own life...

MEMORY VERSE

*He said to His disciples,
"The harvest is large, but
there are few workers to
gather it in. Pray to the
owner of the harvest that
He will send out workers
to gather in His harvest."
(Matthew 9:37-38)*

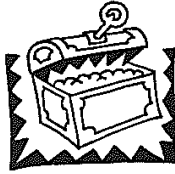
WHO IS JESUS?

An example

*It was to this that God
called you, for Christ
Himself suffered for you
and left you an example,
so that you would follow in
his steps (1 Peter 2:21)*

Jesus sets the example in serving others.

*"You call Me Teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am. I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you"
(John 13:13-15)*



DO WHAT JESUS DID

If you pray for workers in the harvest, the Lord Jesus will also choose you to start working. What will you say then? Yes, Lord? If you love Jesus, then you want to tell that to your friends.

How do you become a disciple of the Lord Jesus? Pay attention to Him, stay close to Him and trust Him. That is what followers do. They follow no one else. They don't go their own way. A disciple of the Lord Jesus asks: "Lord, what do you like me to do?" And that is what you do!

OLD TREASURES

*"The Sovereign Lord has taught Me what to say, so that I can strengthen the weary. Every morning He makes Me eager to hear what He is going to teach me."
(Isaiah 50:4)*

The Messiah is Himself actually also a follower, a disciple. He follows the Lord God. He talks like a learner, because He says only that which God wants Him to say. That is how the prophet Isaiah saw Him acting in the future. And that is the way the people in Israel seven centuries later saw Jesus relating to God the Father. And that is how we see that He is one with the Father.



EXTRA INFORMATION

Why 12 disciples?

God had chosen Israel to be a blessing for all the nations of the world. They were to make known who God is. Israel was made up of 12 tribes (from the 12 sons of Jacob).

When Jesus chooses 12 disciples it signifies a new beginning. The disciples have the privilege of spreading the news that God is doing something new. They are to declare that Jesus has come to save sinners and to heal the sick. First they are told to take that good news (the gospel) only to Israel. But later, they are to take the gospel to the whole world. That happens after Jesus leaves the earth and the disciples have received the Holy Spirit.



DO YOU KNOW...?

1. What is the meaning of 'disciple'?

2. In the time of Jesus one person might have more than one name. Some of His disciples also had more than one name. Look them up:

Peter (Matthew 10:2) =

Thomas (John 21:2) =

Matthew (Mark 2:14) =

3. Why does Jesus choose exactly 12 disciples?

4. What were the crowds like (Matthew 9:36)?

What does Jesus want to be for them?
(Look it up in John 10:11)?

5. What does Jesus mean with 'the harvest' in Matthew 9:37?

- a) The ripe wheat in Galilee
- b) The disciples
- c) The crowd of people

6. Who is the 'owner of the harvest' in Mathew 9:38?

7. Are there still disciples of Jesus today? Why?

BIBLE READING

Sun	1 Peter 2:21
Mon	Luke 6:12-13
Tue	Matthew 9:35 - 10:2
Wed	Matthew 10:37-40
Thu	Isaiah 50:4-5
Fri	John 5:19-20
Sat	John 13:13-17



ACTION POINT!

Jesus is our example. In what ways do you want to do like He did? Make a check mark.

- Pray for people who have gone out to share the gospel in the world. (Write down for whom you are going to pray.)
- Pray for someone who is sick. (For whom?)
- Tell someone about God. (Whom?)
- Make someone happy with a beautiful passage from the Bible. (Whom?)
- Pray for more workers in the harvest.