

Family Lesson – The Twelve Apostles (Mark 3) Level 4 – Following the Lord

Following the Lord Stained Glass Window



Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to be the Lord's mother or one of His disciples? The Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah for many years, and every Jewish woman was taught that she might get to be the mother of the Messiah.

Now, we all know the story of Mary, the one woman chosen for that important use. We also know the stories of John, Peter, Andrew, James and the others among the Lord's twelve disciples. All those uses were performed long ago before any of us were alive. We can't know what it would have been like to see the Lord.

Or can we? The Word tells the story of the Lord's life on earth 2,000 years ago, but every part of it also tells something about His life in each one of us as He tries to lead us to heaven. We *can* experience Mary's innocent joy when the Lord is born to us. We *can* respond to the Lord's call to discipleship, just as the twelve did so many years ago. Just as He says in this chapter: "for whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother" (Mark 3:35).

Right now, just as He called His disciples, the Lord is calling some good loves in each of us to follow Him, receive His power and do His work.

"Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons" (Mark 3:14-15).

In the Writings, the Lord teaches us that the twelve apostles represent all the true and good things that we know and love. Some examples are:

Peter = trust in the LORD (our faith)

James = our care for other people (our charity)

John = the good we do because we care

We are not told specifically what each of the others represents, although wise people will undoubtedly be able to figure it out someday from what we are taught.

Application

Can you imagine nine other true and good things that you know and care about in your own life? Some hints might be to think about what is taught in the Ten Commandments and Ten Blessings.

Three Project Ideas

Materials needed

stained glass window with drawings of the disciples (print page 3)
stained glass window with names of disciples (print page 4)
white, black or colored paper to mount the window
wax crayons (or colored markers)
optional: stapler, transparency

Directions

1. Color the pictures of the disciples in the “stained glass window” (page 3). Cut out the “window” around the outer edge.
2. Using the window with the names of the disciples (page 4), write one example of something true and good that you can do or would like to do. Cut out the “window” around the outer edge.
3. Choose one of these ways to finish your project.

Window Door

- a. Glue page 3 (with the names of the disciples) onto colored paper near the left side.
- b. Place page 4 (with the colored pictures of the disciples) on top of the other window. Staple this window along the left side so it can open like a door to show the page underneath.
- c. Trim the sheet of paper used for mounting your project as desired.

Window Bifold Project

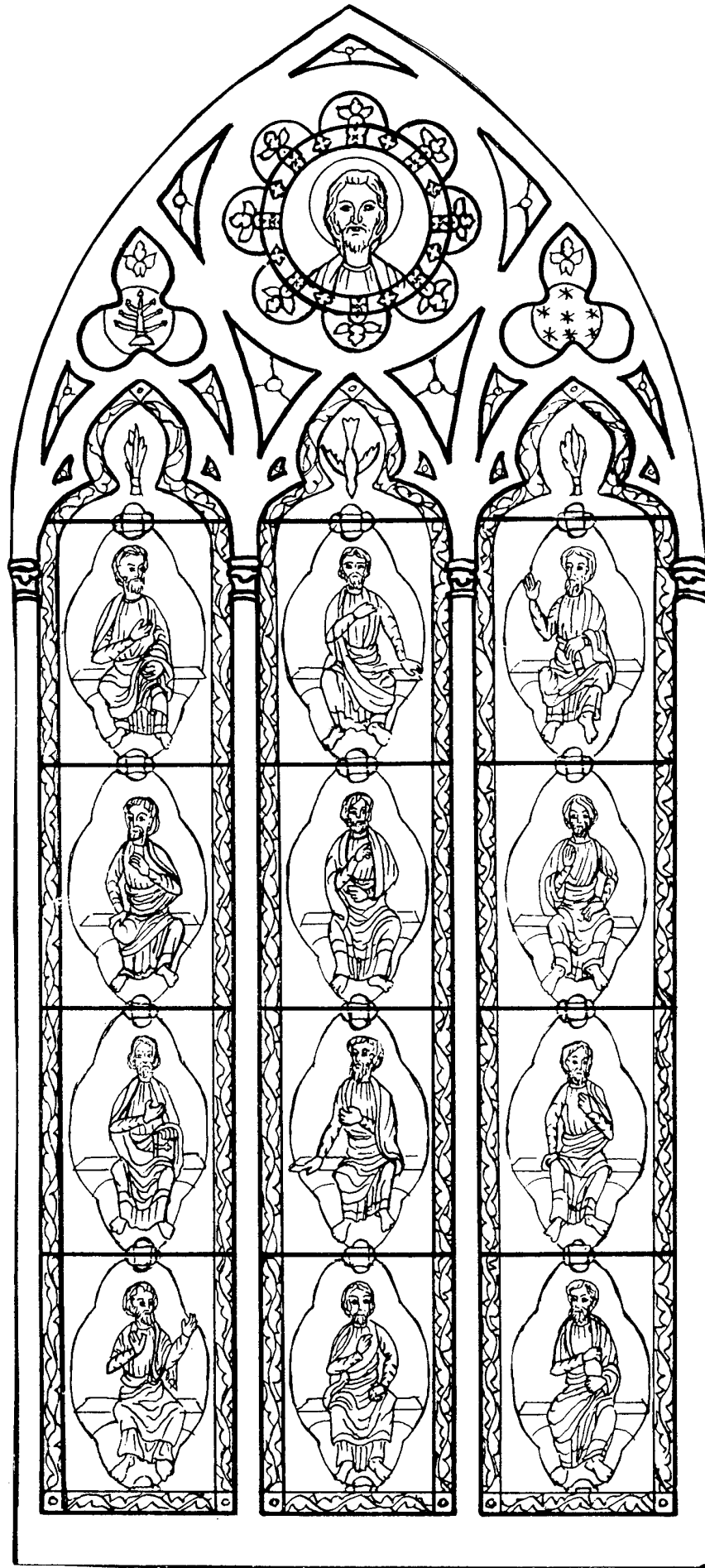
- a. Use a large piece of construction paper or cover stock (such as 11” by 17”) and fold in half.
- b. Glue the window with colored pictures of the disciples (page 4) on one side.
- c. Glue the window with names of the disciples (page 3) on the other side so that they are facing each other.
- d. The finished project can now stand up for display.

Stained Glass Window Transparency

- a. Print the window with drawings of the disciples onto a clear transparency sheet (if your printer can print on transparencies).
- b. Color the rough side of the transparency with colored markers.
- c. Hold the transparency at the edges and be careful not to get fingerprints on it.
- d. Cut around the outer edge and display on a window. The light shining through will give it a lovely “stained glass” effect.

Optional: You could also experiment with printing this window on white printer paper, coloring the window, letting it dry, then putting vegetable oil on it to make it somewhat transparent.

Display your finished project to remind you that the Lord is calling **twelve** (which means **all**) the true and good things *you* know and love to follow Him and do His work.





Simon Peter	Andrew	James (son of Zebedee)
John	Philip	Bartholomew
Thomas	Matthew	James (son of Alphaeus)
Thaddeus	Simon	Judas Iscariot