

Bible Story 35: JESUS CALLS HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES, SERMON ON THE MOUNT, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Twelve Disciples: Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16
Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1-10, 14-16, 43-44
Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13, 34; 7:7-8

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:16

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS CALLS TWELVE DISCIPLES

Jesus went one evening on a mountainside and spent all night praying to God. The next morning, Jesus chose twelve apostles (disciples). They were: **Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomeu, Matthew, Thomas, James, Thaddaeus, Simon, and Judas Iscariot.**

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

One day Jesus took His disciples to the side of a mountain to teach them. A crowd followed and listened to Jesus teach. (*Today it is known as the **Sermon on the Mount.***)

Jesus said:

"Blessed are those who mourn, because God will comfort them.

Blessed are those who are thirsty to know more about God, because they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, because God will show them mercy.

Blessed are those who are peacemakers, because God will call them His sons.

Be like light in the world, shining for God.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Then Jesus taught a model prayer, the **Lord's Prayer**. Jesus said to pray to your heavenly Father, asking God to do His will on earth as it is done in heaven. Pray, asking God to forgive you as you forgive those who do you wrong.

Jesus said not to worry. Pray, asking and seeking God's guidance and help.

The crowds were amazed at Jesus' teaching.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus do the night before choosing His twelve disciples? Why?
2. Why is it important to pray to God before making important decisions?
3. How many apostles did Jesus choose? Who were they?
4. Does God call people to serve Him today? Give some examples.
5. Jesus said, *“Be like light in the world, shining for God.”* What does this mean?
6. How can you be the *“light in the world”* today?
7. Jesus taught how to pray. What are some things that Jesus said in the Lord's Prayer?
8. Who can pray to God? Is it important to pray? Why? Who listens to you when you pray?
9. What are some things that you are concerned about in your life? Pray and ask for God's guidance.