

JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

Read: Orthodox Study Bible, pages 182 - 184

A disciple is someone who is a student. You are all disciples of your parents, Fr. Vasile, your godparents, and your church school teachers.

(While you show the icon of the 12 Disciples, ask): What is the name of one of the disciples from our story today? There were 12 disciples in all. Do you know the names of any of the other disciples? Hint: We studied the Gospel of ____ last



Class routine:
Move my photo from "home" to "church"



Class routine:
Light a candle - respectfully prayerfully without playing



Class routine:
Venerate our icon



Sing "Lord have mercy" in English, Greek, Arabic, Romanian

1

GOAL

Who are the 12 disciples?

2

AT CHURCH

Feast Day: June 29th
Saints Peter & Paul
Feast Day: June 30th
Synaxis of the 12

3

AT HOME

Apostles Fast

year and we are going to study the Gospel of _____ next year.

12 Disciples of Christ: *Peter, Andrew, James (Son of Zebedee), John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (Son of Alphaeus), Jude, Simon, Judas Iscariot (Later, Paul the Apostle)*

ACTIVITY

Fishing Boat

Choice 1:

Color the worksheet provided at the end of the lesson.

Choice 2:

Color the worksheet provided and attach paper fish at the bottom using a hole punch and yarn. Each child can label the fish with the people they will teach today's lesson to when they go home. They can be fishers of men.



Photo of icon: [Lawrence OP](#)

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Synaxarion Series: April, May, June, September, October, November

The Gospel of Luke: Good News for the Poor by Fr. Lawrence Farley, pages 114-128

The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke by Blessed Theophylact, pages 56-63

Holy Righteous Joseph the Betrothed



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AT HOME

FOR PARENTS

M *arvel at how
wisely the Lord
arranges our
salvation, drawing to Himself each
one by means of the things that
are his own and with which he is
familiar.*

Blessed Theophylact

*The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke,
page 56*

We are all called to be disciples of Christ. As Fr. Lawrence Farley explains, “The poor fisherman [Peter] still felt himself unequal to the task to which Jesus was calling him, and in desperation he fell down at Jesus’ knees (the fish spilling over his ankles), saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!’ That is, he felt sure that Christ was looking for holy men, for heroes, for saints - not him.” (pg 117)

We are all called to serve God, each in our own unique ways. Each day, we wake up and try our hardest to begin again with the hope and effort of growing ever closer to Him.

HOME ACTIVITY #9

Watch and discuss together:

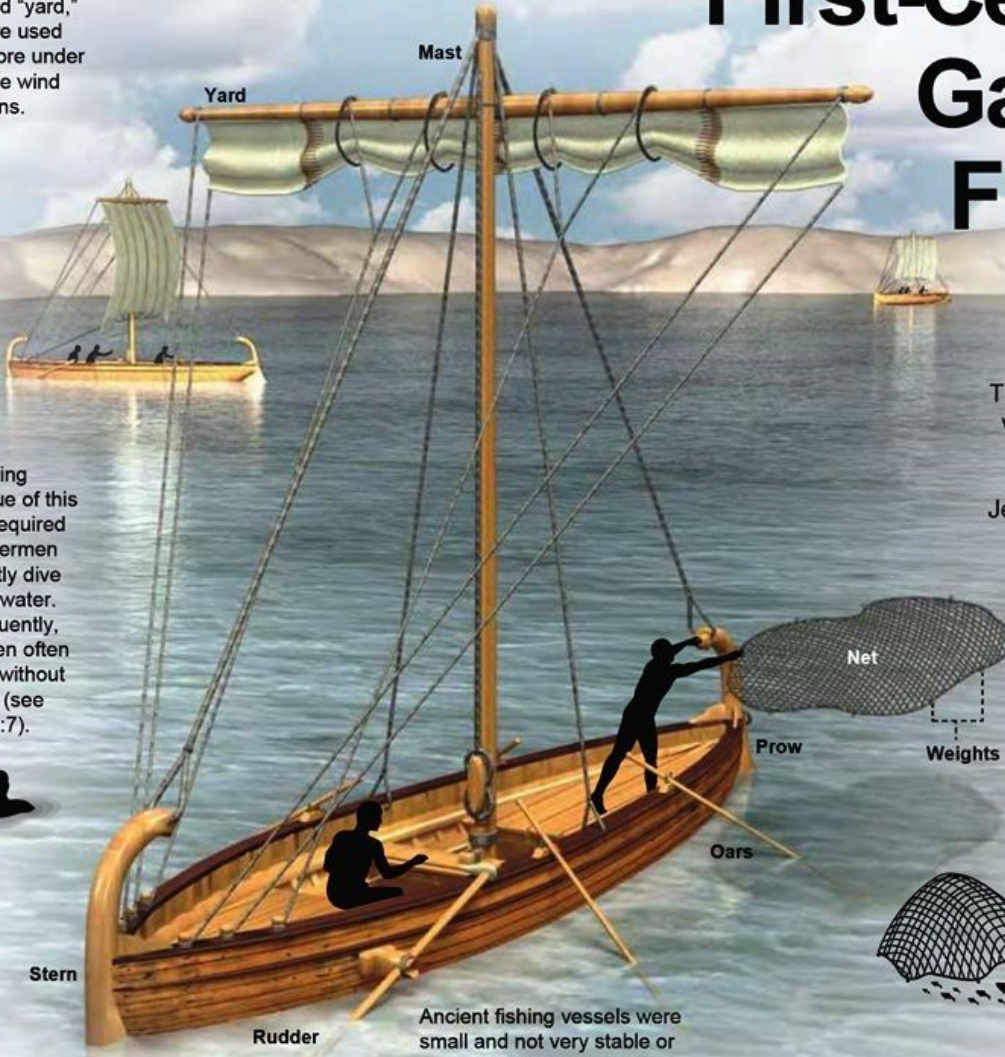
- *(YouTube) [Fishing on the Sea of Galilee!](#)* - Learn about the discovery of a first century fishing boat found in the banks of the Sea of Galilee
- *(YouTube) [Fishing the Sea of Galilee](#)* - Learn how they cast a fishing net during Jesus’ time (*stop at time stamp 7:36)
- *(YouTube) [Amazing Sound Experiment at the Cove of the Sower](#)* - *How did the crowds hear Christ’s teachings when he spoke from a boat and they were on the shore?*

Sailboats of this period had only a mast and "yard," and were used near shore under favorable wind conditions.

First-Century Galilean Fishing Boat

This type of small sailboat was very common in first century Galilee; it was likely the same kind that Jesus' first disciples used.

The fishing technique of this period required that fishermen frequently dive into the water. Consequently, fishermen often worked without clothing (see John 21:7).



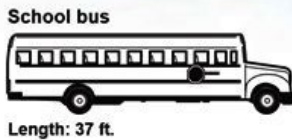
The cast net opens as it is thrown and hits the water mostly flat.

The weights on the perimeter of the net pull the edges down around the fish.

As the fisherman retrieves the net, the weights come together and trap the fish inside.

Ancient fishing vessels were small and not very stable or maneuverable.

Size comparison
(approximate):



Jesus told the disciples to cast out their fishing net into the Sea of Galilee. They did so and caught so many fish that their net started to break! They were all surprised and amazed! Jesus told them that from now on they would be fishers of men instead.

