



## 13 Jesus Begins His Work

“And when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.”

Matthew 11:1

When Jesus had grown up and was thirty years old, He left Nazareth. He knew it was time to begin His work. He walked from town to town and taught. He was a **teacher**, someone who shares with others the things that he knows so that they can know them too. He wanted everyone to learn about God.

He told people things about God that they never knew before, and He taught them how to love God better. Sometimes Jesus would teach large crowds, lots and lots of people. Sometimes He spoke to people one at a time.

Jesus liked to spend time with children. He liked to tell them how much their heavenly Father loved them. He put His arms around the children and then gave them His blessing.

Jesus picked twelve men to help him in a special way. These men were called the Twelve Apostles. They left their homes and went everywhere with Jesus. The Twelve Apostles listened to His teachings and then they told other people about Jesus. Later, additional men were chosen to be Apostles. The Apostles were the first bishops of the Church. They helped other people to follow Jesus. These other followers of Jesus we call disciples.

We, too, can be disciples of Jesus. We must listen to what our parents and teachers say about Him. We should tell others about Him. We should remember that Jesus is always near us.

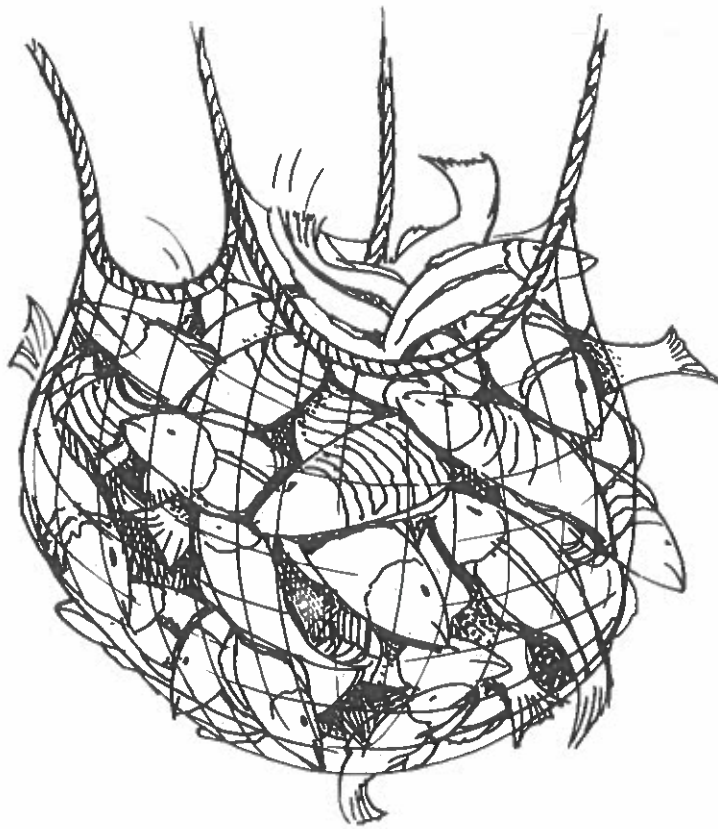
**Words to Know:**

teacher

Apostles

**Q. 31** *Who are the Apostles?*

The Apostles were special men who helped Jesus teach and lead his followers. Their successors today are called bishops (CCC 551).



*“Follow me and I will make you become  
fishers of men.”*

*Mark 1:17*

# 14 Jesus Tells the Good News

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them;  
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

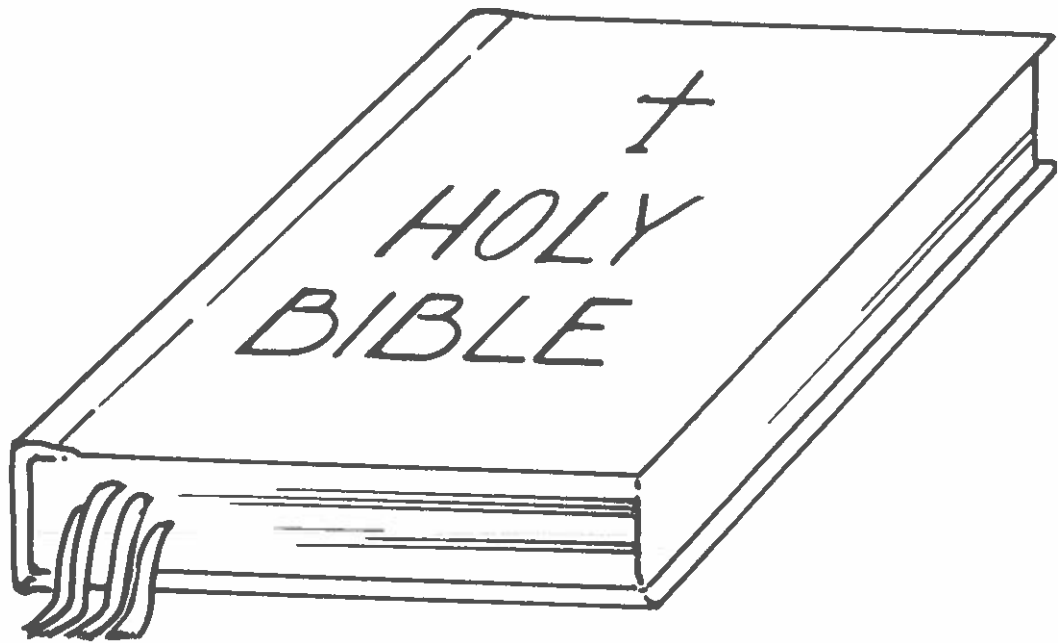
Jesus and His Apostles went from town to town. Jesus taught the people. He told everyone about the Good News of God’s Kingdom everywhere He went.

The **Good News** is that God loves us all. Jesus told the people that God is their Father Who loves them very much. He told them that God wants them to be His children. He also said that God wants them to live in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Many people were happy to hear this Good News. They had waited all their lives for Jesus to come and show them the way to Heaven. Jesus taught them many other things. He taught them how to pray. He taught them how to love God and one another. Jesus came to show all of us the way to Heaven.

We can hear the Good News of Jesus too. The friends of Jesus wrote down the things He said and did while He was living here on earth. You can read about them in the **Bible**.

The Bible has other things in it, too. As you know, it tells the story of the sin of Adam and Eve. It tells of Noah, Abraham, and Moses. It also has prayers and songs. The Bible is God's book.



**Words to Know:**

Good News

Bible

**Q. 32** *What did Jesus tell the people?*

Jesus told the people the Good News of God's love for them (CCC 543–544).