

Young Apprentices

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INQUIRY SESSION: DISCIPLESHIP



My Story

We all have heroes—people we admire and want to be like. Our heroes might be pop singers, movie stars, or sports stars. Our heroes might be our moms, our dads, our teachers, or our coaches. We want to grow up to be like them.



AND THINK

- *Who are some of your heroes?*
- *Why?*



God's Story

The Old Testament of the Bible tells many stories of God's people wandering from the old Covenant that God had established. Then God sent his beloved Son, Jesus, into this world to remind people of God's Laws and of God's love for them. Jesus went about preaching, teaching, healing, and doing good works. He spread the Good News of God's love and mercy.

As the time came for Jesus to begin his ministry on earth, he called the Twelve Apostles to join him in his mission of spreading the Good News of God's love. The Twelve Apostles were the first disciples called by Jesus.

Since then, there have been many women, men, and children who have followed the way of the Lord, who have become his disciples. Today, we too try to be like him as we spread the Good News of God's love and mercy by our words and deeds.



Our Response

Go to SaintsResource.com and learn more about the Twelve Apostles and the saints talked about in today's session. Follow the work of the pope, a modern-day disciple of Jesus, at vatican.va. Think about disciples you know, too.



STOP & SHARE

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- *Is there someone in your family or your parish whom you would describe as a disciple of Jesus? Why?*
- *What words or deeds make that person a good disciple?*

Sharing God's Word

With your family, read one or more of the Scriptures listed below. Discuss what each Scripture says about being a disciple of Jesus.

Matthew 5: 14-16

John 13:34-35

1 Peter 2:9-10

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

Faith Words

Apostles

The Apostles were the first twelve leaders of the Church. Jesus called them to baptize and teach in his name. Read Matthew 10:1-4 to learn their names.

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Good News

The Good News is Jesus Christ's message that he is the Son of God and that he has come to save sinners from their sins.

Witnesses of Faith

Saints Isidore and Maria de la Cabeza



Isidore began working on a wealthy landowner's farm near Madrid, Spain, when he was just a boy. His parents raised him to love Jesus and to be thankful for all God's gifts. Even with busy farm work, Isidore went to Mass each day and often stopped to pray throughout the day. Isidore married a woman named Maria, and together they prayed for others and shared what little they had with those in need. Today they are the patron saints of farmers. Saints Isidore and Maria remind us that married couples are called in a special way to faithfully serve God, others, their families, and each other. To learn more about Saints Isidore and Maria de la Cabeza, go to SaintsResources.com.