

# **SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS**

## **VISUAL AIDS**

- > Picture of the apostles, especially at the Last Supper.
- > People shape cut-outs.

## **WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL**

*Say/sing together:*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**My friends listen to my voice,**  
**says Jesus.**  
**I know them and they know me.**  
**Alleluia!**

A reading from the Good News  
given to us by Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus felt sorry for the great crowd of  
people that had come to listen to him  
because there was no one to help  
them.  
'They are just like scattered sheep',  
said Jesus, 'who have no shepherd to  
guide them.'

## **DISCUSSION**

What did Jesus give to his friends?  
- the power to conquer evil;  
- the power to cure sickness.

We too are called to be Jesus'  
friends.

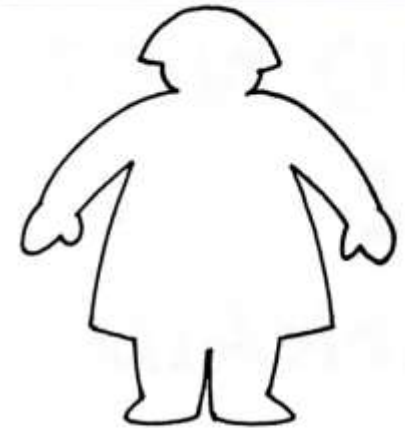
What power does he give us?  
- the power to love;  
- the power to forgive;  
- the power to share.

Ask what the children know about  
each apostle.

## **SHARING**

Today we have a picture of some of  
Jesus' special friends:  
- the twelve apostles;  
- have the children name them.

Last week we heard how Jesus called  
Matthew. Listen today as he calls  
more special friends to follow him.



So Jesus called his friends together,  
and gave them the power they  
needed to help the people:  
the power to conquer evil;  
the power to cure all kinds of  
sickness.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

These are the names of Jesus' twelve  
friends:  
Peter; Andrew; James; John; Philip;  
Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew;  
James; Thaddeus; Simon and Judas.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- > Give out the people shape  
cut-outs.
- > Have the children colour the  
person to represent themselves.
- > Have the children write or draw  
on the front of the 'person' how  
they will be Jesus' friend in the  
week ahead.

