

LESSON 4 - MARK CHAPTER 3 - THE 12 DISCIPLES

Please use the NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT) BIBLE for clarity.

It is still the Sabbath Day (like our Sunday) and many of the religious leaders have turned against Jesus and have become His enemy. These men were so into their human-made laws, they lost sight of what was good and right. This type of thinking would lead to Jesus' death and resurrection. Even though this was going on, we will see in this chapter many people coming to Jesus for healing and deliverance. Also, we will see Jesus call His 12 Disciples.

Always pray and ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher as you answer these questions. It is good to answer these questions with a parent and talk about the truths you discover together as you read God's Word.

MEMORY VERSE

So when He looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' And he stretched it out and it was restored as whole as the other. Mark 3:5

CONTINUED SABBATH DAY CONTROVERSY

Read Mark 3:1-6. Then fill in the blanks below.

- 1. Jesus went into the ______ and it was the Sabbath. What did He notice about a man _____?
- 2. Jesus' enemies watched Him very closely. What were these enemies of Jesus hoping He would do_____? What did they want to accuse Jesus of doing _____?

Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand here in front of everyone."

- 3. Jesus turned to His critics. What did He ask them? (Fill in the blanks)
 - a. Does the law permit_____ on the ____?
 - b. Or is it a day for_____?
 - c. Is this a day to ______life or to ______it?

- 4. When Jesus looked at His enemies standing around, what two things does verse 5 say how He felt about their hearts?
 - 1)
 - 2)

5. What did Jesus do for this deformed man's hand?_____.

Jesus used His anger and sadness to do good on the Sabbath. When you feel angry, how can you use it to do good?

6. What did Jesus' enemies then go away to do?_____.

LARGE CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS Read Mark 3:7-11

Jesus and His disciples went out to the lake, and a large multitude of people followed Him. News was spreading far and wide about all His miracles.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

- 7. Using the attached map, draw a line from:
 - a) Judea to the Sea of Galilee
 - b) Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee
 - c) Idumea to the Sea of Galilee
 - d) From east of the Jordan River
 - e) Then as far north as Tyre and Sidon (Sidon is not on the map but is north of Tyre.)

When you draw your lines from each location, keep in mind 1.25 (1 and a ¹/₄) inches equals about 30 miles. Using a ruler, how many miles would these people have to **WALK** to get close to Jesus?

What difficulty are you willing to go through to get close to Jesus?

So many people came to Jesus, and He touched and healed them, and when the people were crowding Him, He had the disciples get a boat so the people would not crush Him. (See verses 9-10)

8. When evil spirits would catch sight of Jesus, what did they do?_____. (See verse 11)

What did they say?______. What would Jesus sternly command the evil spirits? (See verse 12)

JESUS CHOOSES THE 12 DISCIPLES Read Mark 3: 13-19.

9. Jesus appointed 12 men and He called them His disciples (also known as apostles). What would Jesus send them out to do? ______ (See verse 14)

Name the 12 men Jesus chose as His disciples:	HINTS (see Mark 3:14-19)
1.	who He names Peter
2.	a son of thunder
3.	a son of thunder
4.	Peter's brother
5.	
6.	
7.	Levi, a tax collector (Mark 2:14)
8.	
9.	son of Alphaeus
10.	
11.	the Zealot
12.	who later betrayed Him

Jesus used ordinary common men of all walks of life to "Follow Him." These men changed the world **FOREVER** because they chose to follow Jesus. You can also change the world around you as you follow Jesus. Boys and girls who walk with and obey Jesus from a young age make a big difference in their families and friends and the world around them. How willing are you to follow Jesus and share His words wherever you go?

RELIGIOUS LEADERS ACCUSE JESUS OF GETTING POWER FROM SATAN Read Mark 3:20-30.

- 10. When Jesus' family heard about what was happening, what did they try to do?______ and what did they say about Jesus?______. (see verses 20-21)
- 11. When the teachers of religious law arrived, what did they say about Jesus? ______Where did they say he got His power? ______. (See verse 22)

These people refused to believe Jesus was God and He could perform the miracles He did because He is God. Jesus explained to them He was stronger than Satan and He has power over Satan. Jesus is able to cast out demons and end their terrible work in people's lives. 1 John 4:4 tells us: *But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won the victory over those people, because the Spirit who live in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.*

12. What sin did Jesus tell these religious leaders would not be forgiven?_____ What are the results of this sin?_____ (See verse 28)

Definition of the sin of blasphemy: A deliberate ongoing rejection of the work of the Holy Spirit due to rejection of God Himself.

JESUS DESCRIBES HIS TRUE FAMILY Read Mark 3:31-35.

13. Jesus' family was concerned about Him. At this time, they did not understand what was happening to Jesus and who He really was. They sent word to Jesus to come and talk with them.

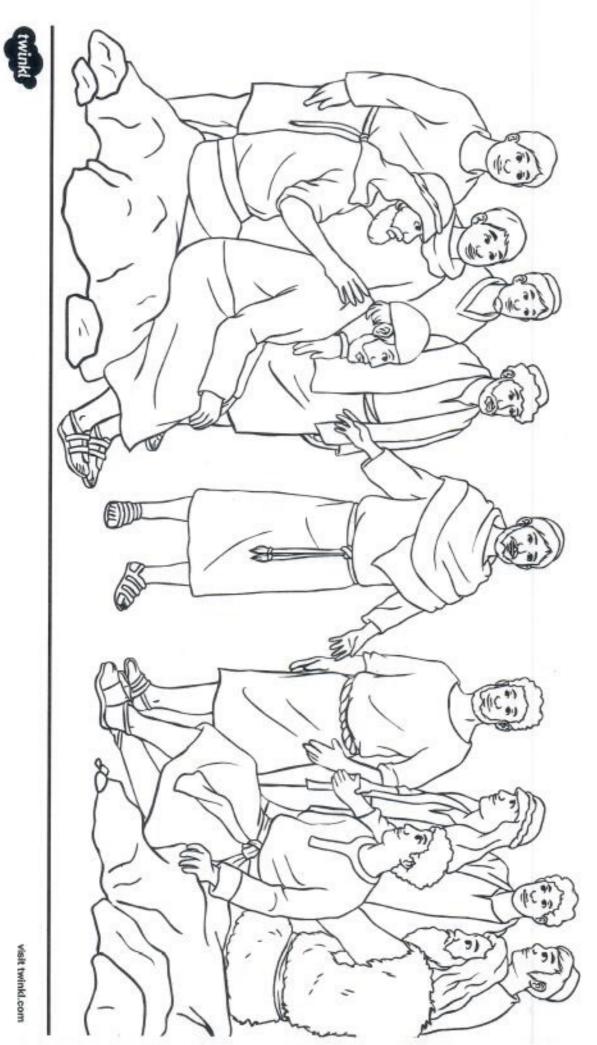
How did Jesus answer their request? Who is my _____? Who are my brothers _____? (See verse 33)

As Jesus looked around, what did He say? _____? (See verse 34)

Anyone who does ______ will _____ is my _____ and _____ (See verse 35)

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we become a child of God. We also become part of God's Family. Are you a child of God? When did you become part of God's family?







12 Disciples Word Scramble

1. PETRE 2. WARNDE ______ 3. AEJMS_____ 4 HONJ 5 IPHPIL 6. ABMWOTELHOR 7. ATEMWTH 8.TOSHAM 9. DJSAU 10.JASME_____ 11. MSOIN 12. AJSUD SCOIIRTA

