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In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.
Begin with the Lord’s prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.
Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the Glory. Forever, Amen.
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.
Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Can anyone tell me last week’s memory verse???
Recite Last week’s memory verse

“This is my beloved Son in whom I am pleased”.

(Matthew 3: 17)
1. Who led Jesus in the desert? (God’s Spirit; God)

2. Who tempted Jesus in the desert? (Satan)

3. What did Jesus use to help him say no to Satan? (God’s Word)
4. Did Satan get Jesus to disobey God? (No)

5. Why is it important for us to know and learn God’s Word?

We learn God’s word to know what pleases or what makes God happy,

We learn what we must do to obey Him and how to say no to Satan.
Review

1. Who baptized Our Lord Jesus Christ? (John)

2. Where was Jesus baptized? (In the Jordan river)

3. How old was Jesus Christ when He was baptized? (30)

4. What did John tell the people? (They should turn away from their sins; the promised Savior was coming.)
Class Covenant

I will keep my eyes on my teacher, my mouth in control, my ears on God’s Word; knowing God is my goal.
Lord Jesus chooses 12 Disciples

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Memorize today’s Verse

“Jesus called his twelve disciples and gave them power.”

Practice this verse again during the week.

Gospel of Matthew 10:1
Introduction

Today we are going to learn about how Jesus Christ chose 12 helpers also called Disciples or Apostles.
When Jesus Christ started His ministry (His work), a lot of people came to Him for help and healing. He felt that He needed special friends that can help Him in this work.

Who has friends? How many friends do you have?

Yes it was the same with Jesus, He needed friends to go everywhere with Him.
If you have important choices to make, do you pray to God?

Well, Our Lord Jesus did!

In a quiet mountain place, He spoke to His heavenly father. Jesus prayed until the sun went down. And prayed all through the long dark night.

So if Jesus prayed, do you think we need to pray before we do anything?

Yes, we need to pray so that God will bless our work. We should pray for ourselves, for our parents and for our friends as well.
In the morning, Jesus chose twelve special friends. They were called *disciples or apostles*.

These 12 men were called by Jesus to be His disciples. That means, they were followers of Jesus and learned from Him.
The first two Jesus chose were brothers. Their names are Simon Peter and Andrew. They were fishermen. Jesus told them “Come with me. I will let you catch people instead of fish.”
They immediately left their boat and nets and went after Jesus. He also called James and John and they did the same. So Jesus called **Peter, Andrew, John and James** (Let the children repeat the names after you).
Then He saw Matthew who was collecting money. Jesus went to have dinner with him and Matthew left all his money and followed Jesus. So, how many friends Jesus have now?
Yes He has five they are: Simon Peter, Andrew, John, James and Matthew.
Our Lord Jesus Christ chose *Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Simon the Zealot, Thaddeus, James, son of Alphaeus* and Judas Iscariot who later became Jesus’ enemy.
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The disciples were all supposed to help Him preach the word of God.
He had a very important job for them to do. Jesus told the men to go to people and tell them about the Savior and the coming of God's kingdom.

They were to say, "Jesus is God's Son, God sent Jesus into the world to save people from their sins and you must believe in Jesus."
Jesus wanted people to know that these 12 disciples were God's messengers, so He gave them power to teach the good news, make sick people well, heal those who had skin diseases, and even raise the dead to life again.

Jesus, God's Son, gave them the power they needed to go out and serve Him.
Our Lord warned his followers that the job would not be easy. Some people would not believe the good news about Jesus, God's Son.

Some people would get very angry. But the disciples did not need to be afraid. God would go with them everywhere they went and help them know exactly what to say.
After the disciples listened to everything Jesus said, they obeyed Him. They went from town to town healing people and preaching the good news that Lord Jesus, God's Son, is the Savior.
The disciples were able to do the job Jesus gave them to do because they trusted God for the power to do it.
Conclusion

Everyone has friends like Jesus. We and our friends should do the things that God likes.
Movie Clip
Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTofoMw_VuE
1. How many disciples did Jesus choose? (12)
2. What is a disciple?
   • (Help children understand that a disciple is a follower and a learner. Jesus' disciples were called to follow Jesus and learn from him—the greatest Teacher of all; they were called to trust and obey him.)
Pop Quiz

3. What special job did Jesus give his 12 disciples to do? (Jesus told the men to go out and tell people about the Savior and the coming of God's kingdom. He told them to heal the sick, even raise the dead to life again.)

4. Who gave the disciples power to serve God? (Jesus, God's Son)

5. Who gave them everything they needed for the journey?
   (Jesus, God's Son)
Next Week
We will learn about Miracle at Cana.
May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.
3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.

2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.

3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”
• “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)
"We are one in Christ" - Gladys Loy
“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32
Any question?

Close with prayer.