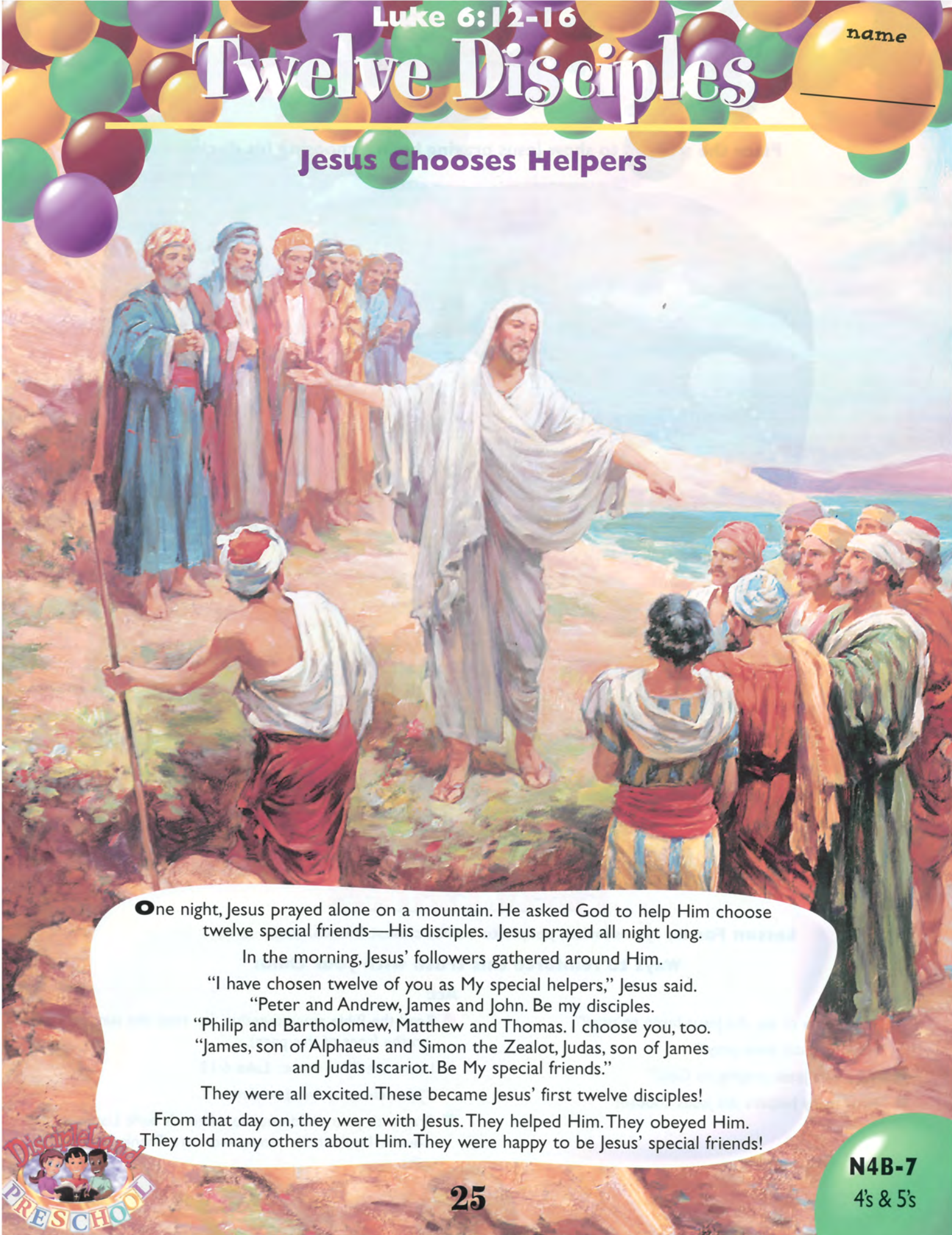


Twelve Disciples

name _____

Jesus Chooses Helpers



One night, Jesus prayed alone on a mountain. He asked God to help Him choose twelve special friends—His disciples. Jesus prayed all night long.

In the morning, Jesus' followers gathered around Him.

"I have chosen twelve of you as My special helpers," Jesus said.

"Peter and Andrew, James and John. Be my disciples.

"Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas. I choose you, too.

"James, son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, Judas, son of James and Judas Iscariot. Be My special friends."

They were all excited. These became Jesus' first twelve disciples!

From that day on, they were with Jesus. They helped Him. They obeyed Him.

They told many others about Him. They were happy to be Jesus' special friends!



Place the stickers to show Jesus praying before choosing his disciples.



Parent Partners

Lesson Focus: Jesus invites people to be His closest friends. (Luke 6:12-16)

Ways to reinforce this truth with your child:

Ask:

- "What time of day did Jesus begin to pray?"
- "How long did Jesus pray?"
- "Why was Jesus praying to God?"
- "How many helpers did Jesus choose?"

Act:

- Read the Bible story together (or read the summary on the front of this page).
- Learn the Bible verse: Luke 6:13.
"Jesus chose twelve special men."
- Pray with your child outside when it's dark. Listen to the sounds. Look at the moon and stars. Thank God for His gifts.

Helpers

Circle the person in each row who needs help from the child at the beginning of the row.



That's What Friends Are For

Cy makes a special trade to encourage his friend, Paul.



- Paul and Cy were excited about taking turns using the new computer at school.
(What computer games would you like to play?)
- Paul was sad because he would have one of the last turns to use the computer.
(Tell about a time when you had to wait for something you wanted.)
- Cy traded his first turn with Paul because he knew Paul really wanted to play.
(How do you feel when someone does something very nice for you?)
- Miss Raymond was happy that Cy did such a nice thing for his friend.
(What is a nice thing that you could do for one of your friends?)