

Jesus and His Disciples

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Find the names of Jesus and His 12 disciples in the puzzle. Look forward and down to find each one's name.

JESUS, ANDREW, BARTHOLOMEW, JAMES, JOHN, JUDAS, MATTHEW, PETER, PHILIP, SIMON, THOMAS, THADDAEUS, JAMES

THE TWELVE

Unscramble the words in the following paragraph. Read Matthew 10:2-4 (NIV) to check your answer.

"These are the names of the WELTEV _____ : first, MNOSI _____ (who is called Peter) and his brother WANERD _____ ; MAJSE _____ son of Zebedee, and his brother NOJH _____ ; PLHIPI _____ and BTAHOLRWEMO _____ ; MSAHOT _____ and TTWEHMA _____ the tax collector; SMEJA _____ son of Alphaeus, and DESUAHTAD _____ ; MNOSI _____ the LTZEAO _____ and SAJDU _____, ROTIACIS _____, who betrayed him."



LONELY LOOPER

by Barbara B. Rollins

Caleb slid into his chair at the supper table. "Mom, Looper acts crazy every time I go into the backyard."

"The Williams's puppy? What does he do?" Caleb's mom asked. She set down his plate of food. She placed a basket of cornbread muffins beside it.

"Wow, this looks great!" Caleb said. "Looper comes up to the fence between our yards and cries. He tries to wiggle under so I can pet him better."

Mom sat down with her plate. "He's lonely, Caleb. Since Mr. Williams died last week, nobody plays with him."

"Can I pray before we eat?" Caleb asked. Mom nodded. "God, thank You for our food and for Mom. Help me to follow You, and help Looper not be lonely. In Jesus' name, amen."

Caleb took a bite of a hot, sweet muffin. He hadn't known how hungry he was.

"How do you think God can help Looper not be lonely, Caleb?" Mom asked. "I don't know. I understand

why he misses Mr. Williams. He was nice. But Mrs. Williams can play with Looper."

"I'm sure she will. She's having a hard time now though."
 "Mr. Johnson said the church needed to help her since she's alone," Caleb said. He looked at the muffins. "Do you think Mrs. Williams would want some of this cornbread? It sure is good."

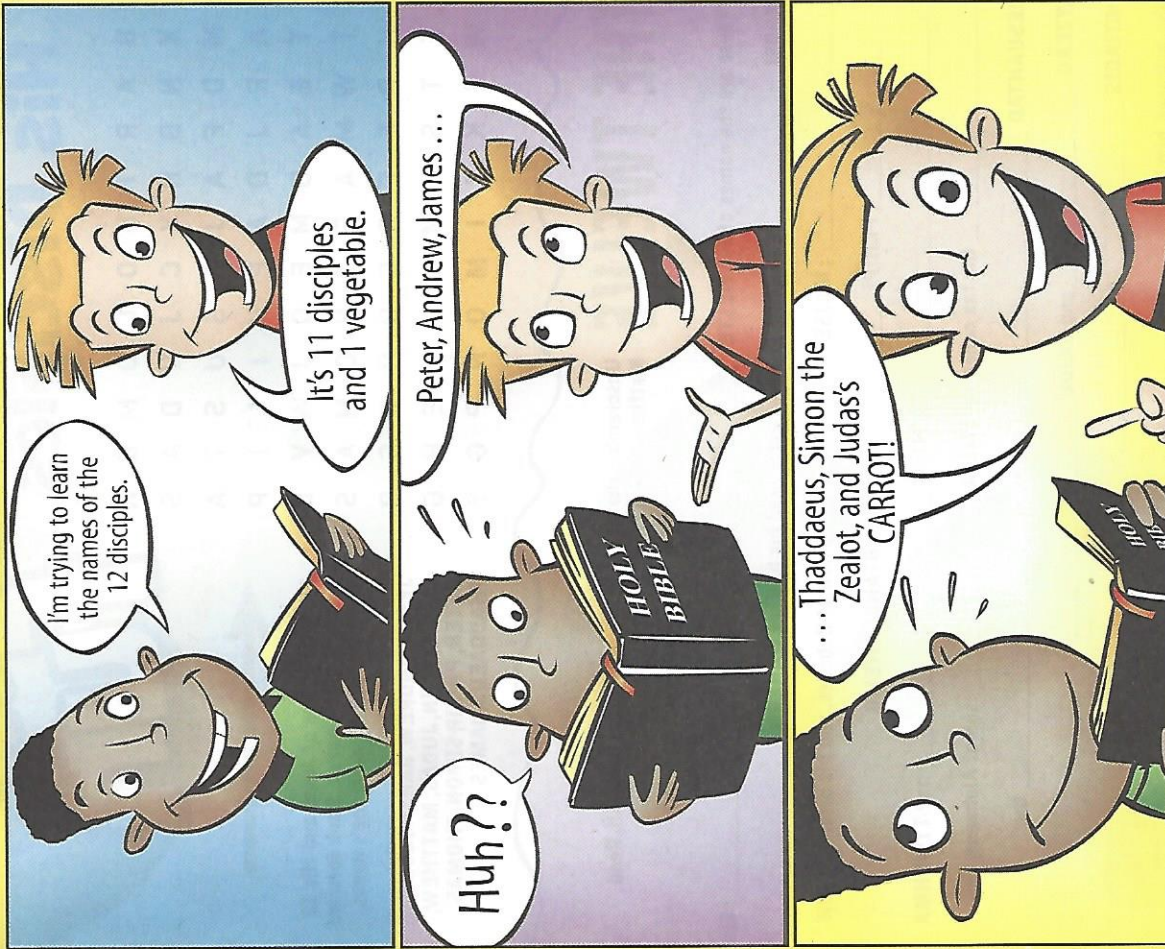
His mother smiled. "Thank you, Caleb. You may take her some after dinner."





TOON TIME

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licked Caleb's face when he bent down. He wiggled in Caleb's lap while Mrs. Williams and Caleb talked.

Later the three walked to the door. Looper didn't seem so lonely now, and neither did Mrs. Williams. Caleb was glad that he had followed Jesus.

"Mrs. Williams, would you mind if I came back tomorrow and played with Looper?"

She smiled. "Looper and I would both like that, Caleb. Thank you."



How did Caleb follow Jesus?



How could you be a follower of Jesus this week?



Later Caleb rang the doorbell next door. He heard Mrs. Williams coming. It took her a while to get to the door.

"Caleb, how nice to see you." She smiled, and some of the sadness left her eyes.

"I brought some cornbread muffins. They're really yummy."

"I'm sure they are, Caleb. Your mother's a good cook. Would you like to come eat one with me?"

Caleb shook his head. "No, thank you. I just ate."

She seemed sadder, like she really wanted him to eat with her. Caleb wanted to follow what Jesus would want him to do.

"I mean, I don't need a muffin. But I can talk to you while you eat one."

Her bright smile said it all. As they sat in the kitchen, they talked about Caleb's science project and his field trip. Looper scratched at the door, and Mrs. Williams let Caleb bring him in. The jumping puppy looped around him three times and

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