

# The Junior Observer

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## Q & A

### A Good News Story

# Jesus Prays, Then Picks Apostles

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**J**esus traveled from place to place, healing people and preaching to them about God.

There were some people who liked to hear Him speak so much that they decided to follow Him wherever he traveled.

There also were some people Jesus met in His travels whom He specifically invited to be His followers. One such person was a fisherman named Simon Peter whom Jesus had seen fishing in the Lake of Gennesaret. So the Lord asked Simon Peter to give up being a fisherman and follow Him.

“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men,” Jesus told Simon Peter.

One day, after He had preached in the synagogue and healed a man with a withered hand, Jesus decided to get away from everyone for a little while. He had a very important decision to make about His followers, and He wanted to be alone to talk to God about it.



So He went to a mountain to think and pray about which of His followers He would ask to become His Twelve Apostles and help Him in His ministry.

He stayed at the mountain all night praying to God, then called His followers in the morning.

He gathered everyone around Him and then chose His Apostles: Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alpha-

eus, Simon who was called a Zealot, Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot.

After choosing His Apostles, Jesus ministered to a great crowd of people who had gathered around Him. He healed people who had diseases or who were possessed by demons.

Then, He raised His eyes toward His followers and preached to them.

He explained that those who have a hard life on earth are very blessed.

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man,” Jesus said.

“Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!” Jesus added. “Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”

Where did Jesus go to pray?

What big decision did he have to make?

Read more about it in Luke 6.

## South Beloit Students Help the Hungry for SVdP

Students at St. Peter School in South Beloit pose with some of the 585 non-perishable items the school collected for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in South Beloit.

St. Vincent de Paul will use these donations in their food pantry. The students held the collection during September in honor of Mother Theresa becoming a saint. For surpassing their goal of 500 items, they earned out-of-uniform days to celebrate the Cubs making the playoffs and Bears vs. Packer football game.



(Photo provided)



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## Algonquin Students Learn to Make Japanese Hats

Students in fourth grade at St. Margaret Mary School in Algonquin made Japanese paper hats. Noriko Pascente, who is from Japan, helped make the hats. She also gave each student a paper crane she made. Before the project, the class read “Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes.” Mrs. Pascente has two children — Andrew who is at Marian Central Catholic High School, and Brian, a seventh-grader at St. Margaret Mary School.

## Puzzle

Cross out the names of the men who were not Apostles. See the Good News Story for hints.

- Simon Peter
- Barabbas
- James
- Pilate
- Simon of Cyrene
- Philip

## Bible Trivia

Who replaced Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve Apostles?  
(Hint: Acts 1:26)

**Puzzle:** Barabbas, Pilate, Simon of Cyrene  
**Bible Trivia:** Matthias