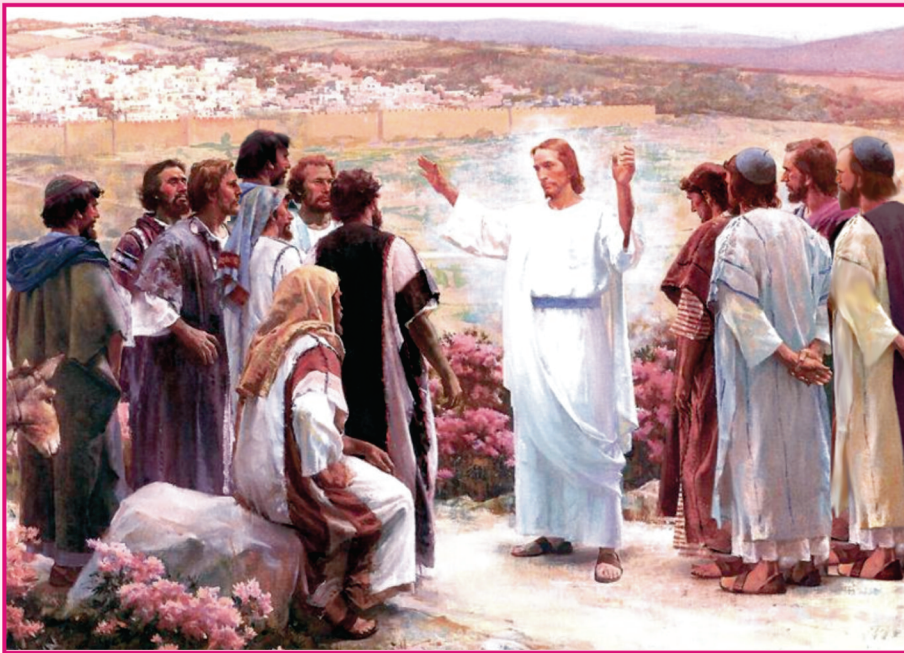




## JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES



Jesus went around preaching and teaching the people. Jesus preached about the love of God the Father. Jesus said:

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news”  
(Mark 1:15).

**Good News** is the message of salvation given to us through Jesus by God the Father. The Meaning of the word **Gospel** is 'Good News'.

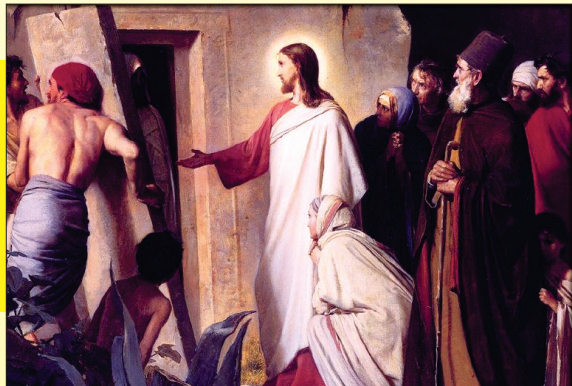
Jesus not only preached the Gospel.

He healed the sick

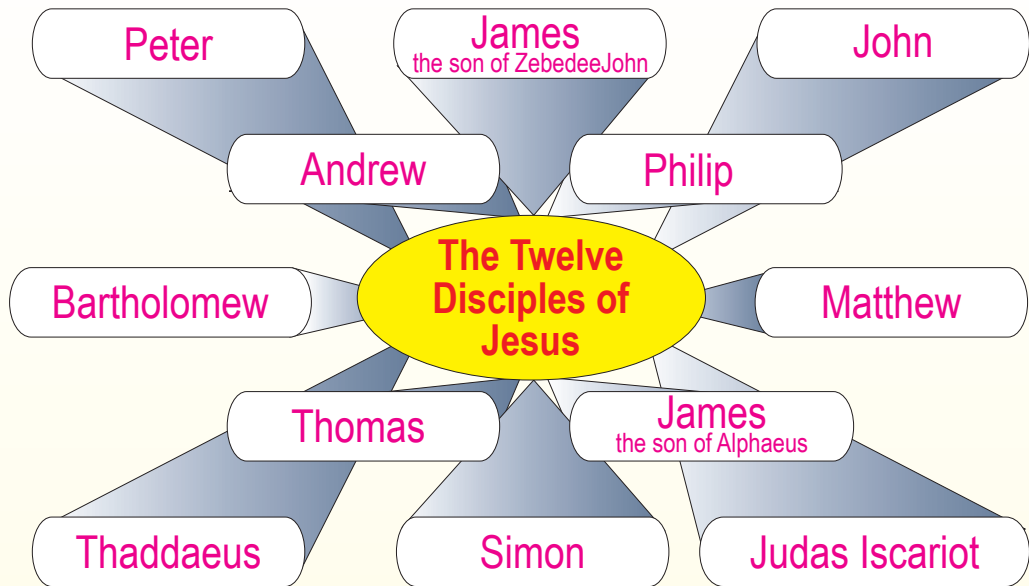


He gave food to  
the hungry

He raised the dead



Jesus' disciples are those who believed in Jesus and followed him. Jesus selected some from among these disciples to continue His mission. They are the twelve apostles.



All the disciples of Jesus were ordinary people. They left every thing and followed Jesus. They listened to his words carefully. They saw His deeds. They lived with Him for three years.

Jesus gave a command to His disciples:  
"As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near'. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons" (Matthew 10: 7-8).

According to the command of Jesus, they went around the villages and preached that the Kingdom of God has come.

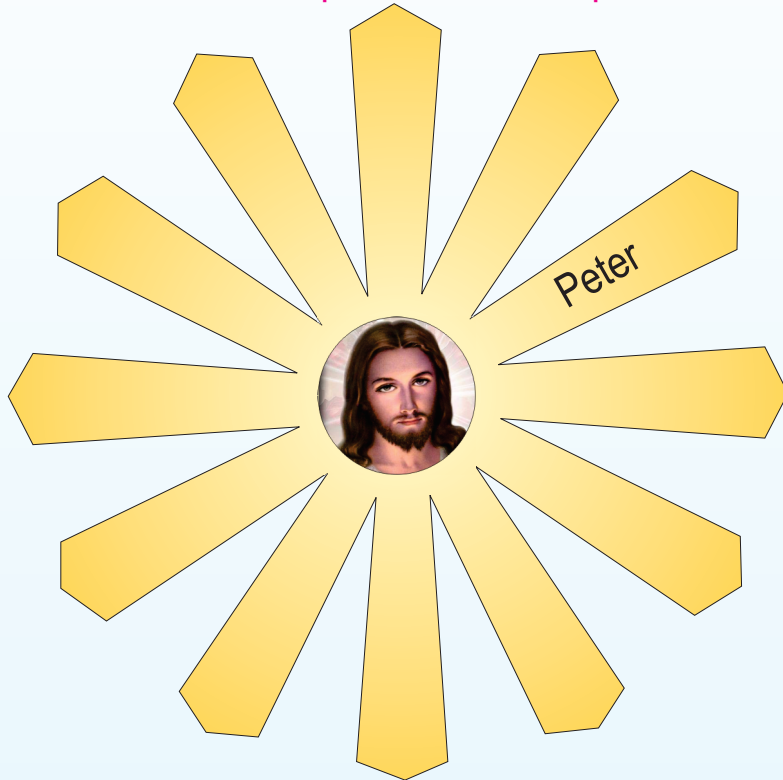
We Christians too, are the disciples of Jesus. We are also bound to proclaim the Gospel to others. Let us reveal Jesus to others through our lives.

## Let us pray

God, our loving Father, bless us  
to live according to the Gospel.



Write the names of the apostles and complete the Picture.



## Let us imitate

Just like St. Thomas the apostle, who preached  
the Gospel of Jesus in India, I will also tell  
my friends about Jesus.

## Find out the answers

1. What is the meaning of the word Gospel?
2. What did Jesus select the apostles for?
3. Who is the apostle that came to India to preach the gospel?