

### Opening Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for loving us enough to have a plan for our lives! Help us to recognize where you are active and alive in our daily life, and help us to share what You have done for us with others, just like the disciples did.  
Amen.

### Bible Verse:

*I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*  
—II Corinthians 12:9

## Disciples Share the Gospel

[Reread the story of Jesus sending out the disciples two-by-two to share the Gospel, the good news about Jesus, from the book of Mark, above, or from a children's Bible.]

### Discussion Questions:

List some of the things that Jesus showed he could do in his hometown of Nazareth. Where do you think that power came from?  
How many followers or "disciples" did Jesus call together to learn about him?  
He sent the disciples out two-by-two to other towns. What did he tell them to take with them?  
What did he give them the "authority" to do? What does "authority" mean?  
What did He have the disciples tell the people and do in the towns?

### Servant Activity:

#### Sharing the Gospel like the Disciples

**Materials:** 12 Disciples fan, crayons or markers

Color your fan of all the twelve disciples. Notice that some had the same name, and some were known by duplicate names (Simon=Peter, Thaddeus=Bartholomew, James/James, etc.). Talk about how Jesus knows us by name, and calls us to spread the good news about Him, just like He did with the disciples. Use the fan cards in the car on longer trips to try and memorize all of their names.

Brainstorm ways that we can be like disciples with our friends and family. Are there times in your lives when you saw God's hand at work taking care of you? Healing you? Answering your prayers? Comforting you? Guiding you? Forgiving you? How can we share those stories with others to show that we know God is alive and working around us?

### Craft Activity:

#### Make a Disciple Sandal

**Materials:** Dollar-store sandal, old mouse pad, or craft foam sheet, Sharpies, 2 pipe-cleaners .

Take only your sandals, and follow Jesus! Unless you have a spare flip-flop around, you can make your own! Place your foot on an old mouse foam mouse pad or a craft foam sheet; have someone trace a sandal shape around your foot with a marker, then cut it out. With scissors poke a hole where the stem of the thong part of a flip-flop would go. With the pipe-cleaners together, twist the bottoms together into a knot. thread the two other ends through the bottom of the sandal hole and up through the top together. About 2 inches from the sandal, twist the pipe-cleaners together again, then spread the ends out to the sides of the sandal. Poke holes where the pipe-cleaners would naturally end on the sandal, insert, and knot so they don't come through.

Now write your name nice and large on the sandal top, and below and around your name write: "Follower of Jesus, 2 Cor. 12:9" your memory verse! Display them as a group on the wall or in each of your rooms.