

Jesus Called the Disciples



WE PRAY TOGETHER



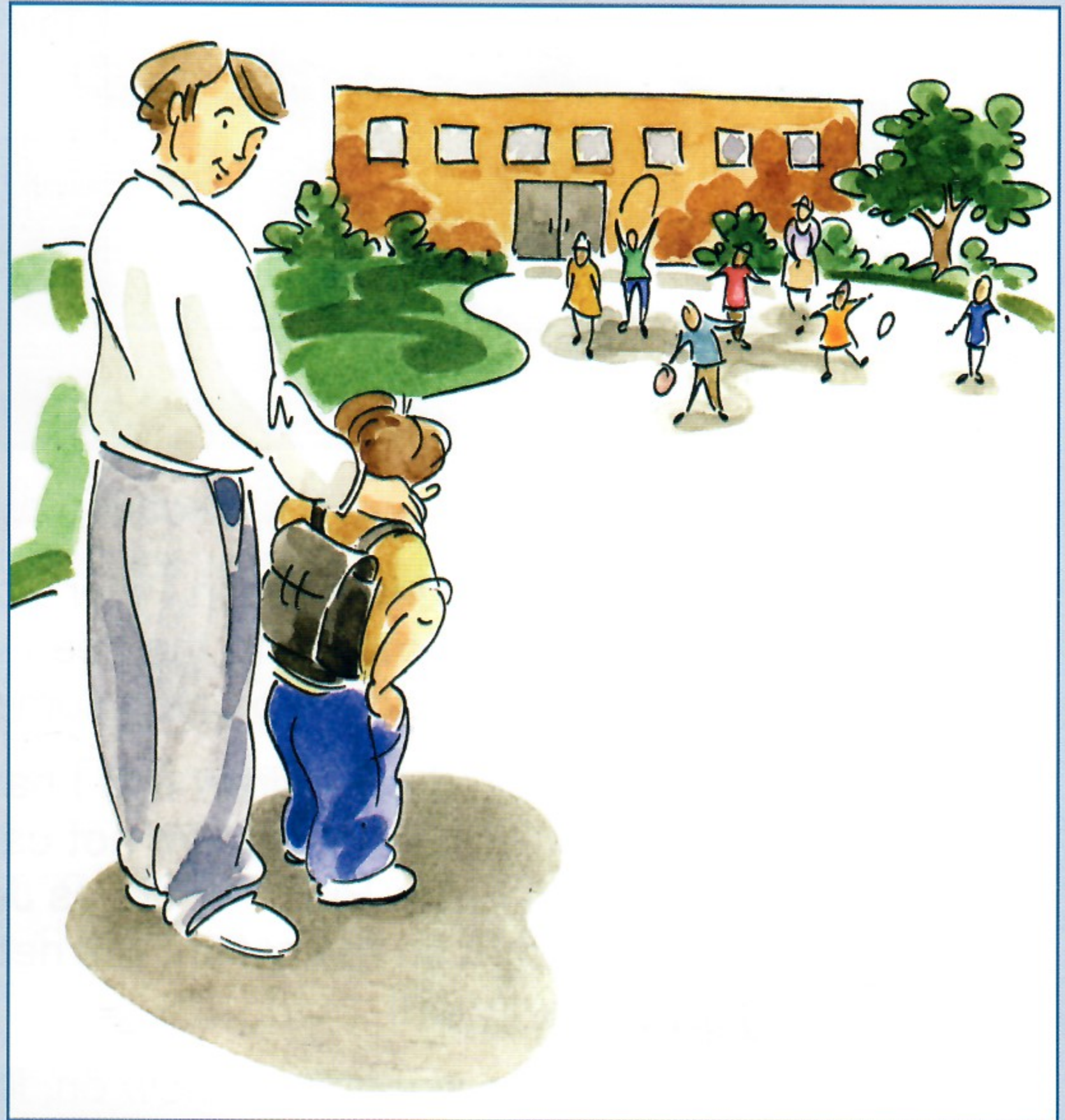
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Dear Jesus, I want to thank you for giving me friends to play with. It is so nice spending time with them. What a wonderful gift a friend is! Amen.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

It was Ara's first day at a new school. Ara's dad walked with him to school and waited with him on the playground until the bell sounded. Ara held tightly to his dad's hand.

Ara was worried. He watched them play ball and go down the slide. He watched them on the swings. Would one of them come over to talk to him? He watched, and he waited.



Then he noticed a woman coming from the school building. She walked over to Ara and his dad and, with a smile, asked "Are you Ara? How are you? We have been expecting you. I am Mrs. Noble. I will be your teacher this year. Come with me, and I will introduce you to some new friends."



Ara smiled and let go of his father's hand. He gently put his hand in Mrs. Noble's hand as they walked toward the group of children waiting for her. She said, "Children, this is Ara. He is going to be in our class. I know you will help him to feel welcome." Then she winked at Ara. He liked Mrs. Noble. She knew how to make him feel good inside.

GOD'S WORD TO US



One day, Jesus sat in Peter's boat and said to him: "Row out to the deep water and let your nets down to catch some fish."

"My brother Andrew and I have been fishing all night, and we have not caught any fish," said Peter. But they did as Jesus said. They caught so many fish, the nets began to tear apart!

Jesus said: "From now on, instead of fishing for fish, you will fish for people."

Peter and Andrew, and their friends, James and John, left their boats and followed Jesus. Eight others joined them. These first followers were called the Twelve Disciples.

Luke 5:1-11

WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

A disciple is a person who hears God's words and obeys them. Jesus called upon twelve men to help him spread the word of God. These men were his disciples and close friends.

Here are some questions. Put a smiling face on the line each time you say, "Yes."

- _____ Do I attend Sunday School?
- _____ Do I listen carefully to the lessons taught in Sunday School?
- _____ Do I remember to bring in my offering?
- _____ Do I help a friend who needs me?
- _____ Am I fair?
- _____ Am I patient?

If you answered 'yes' to some of the questions, you are a disciple of Jesus. You listen to his words, and you try to please him.



OUR ARMENIAN WAY

Two of Jesus' disciples, Thaddeus and Bartholomew, were sent all the way to Armenia to spread his words of love and forgiveness. The people in Armenia listened very carefully, and they believed all they heard about Jesus. The Armenian people wanted to become Christians, the name given to those who believe in and follow Jesus Christ. And Armenia became the first Christian nation.



WE CELEBRATE

Friends share.
Friends care.
Friends are there for you.

Friends are faithful.
Friends are kind.
Friends are there for you.



FAMILY PAGE

SHARING OUR FAITH

In our lesson today, Jesus chose his disciples. He told Peter, a fisherman, that now he and the others would become “fishers of people.” And the mission of the disciples began.

Two of the disciples, Thaddeus and Bartholomew, were sent to Armenia. This was an historic trip since they planted the seed of a dream fulfilled by St. Gregory when he converted the entire Armenian nation to Christianity in 301 AD.



LIVING OUR FAITH

The children created a friendship tree, showing the disciples of the early church. They also helped to create a list of traits that form the foundation of a valued friendship.

With your child we suggest doing the following activity:

Create your own *family* tree. Use a branch of a tree that is placed in a pot of dirt. Cut out large green leaves. Your child can draw pictures of the family. (This can include grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) You can label the pictures. With yarn, attach the leaves to the tree branch.