

# LESSON # 4

## LEAD ME

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:2–20 Who were the first apostles and what were they called to do? This scripture provides the answer.

D&C 163:5a The apostles will be blessed as they are enthusiastic and faithful about sharing Jesus' story in the world.



The twelve apostles are encouraged to be excited about teaching and sharing Jesus with others. The Twelve are sent into the world to help build the church by teaching the story of Jesus and making sure all people learn about fairness. They are to help others build communities of Christ's peace. As the apostles do this with faith, they will be blessed and better able to share Jesus' story of hope and healing.

Doctrine and Covenants 163:5a adapted

### OBJECTIVES

- Children will learn the names of the first apostles and the jobs the apostles had.
- Children will discuss what they think today's apostles do and what they can do to help them.
- Children will identify ways they can reach out and share Jesus with others.

### MATERIALS

- an illustrated children's Bible (New Revised Standard Version)
- a children's Bible (NRSV) for each child, if possible
- a list of the apostles' names and their jobs before becoming an apostle
- Provide 13 construction-paper disks with the first apostles' names as well as the name of their area's apostle written on them (one name per disk).
- postcards or stationery and pencils
- a copy of D & C 163:5a adapted, printed on paper for each child
- a paper bag or backpack

### DISCOVERY

Matthew 10:2–20 provides information about the calling of the first apostles and their names. The scripture also includes information about the "new" jobs the apostles were called to do. Doctrine and Covenants 163:5a addresses the role of the apostles today. It focuses on their being sent out into the world to teach about Jesus. Apostles provide a valuable task as they lead us and teach us about the important lessons of Jesus.

The following activity will help the children to learn the first apostles' names as well as the name of their area's apostle. Place the thirteen disks on the floor and read the Matthew scripture. As the scripture is read, have the children find the matching disk and gather around it. If available, provide additional information about each apostle: for example, Peter was a fisherman.

After the activity is completed a couple of times, ask the children individually if they can name the apostles. (Be sensitive not to embarrass anyone.)

If additional information was shared, ask the children what was special about each apostle.

**ALIYAH** (ah-LEE-ah) is a new resource for children based on scripture, including Doctrine and Covenants 163. D&C 163 is an affirmation of paths taken and an encouragement of ways to move onward. ALIYAH is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God.

One lesson each month will be posted on this Web site to be downloaded and used for church school, junior church, or other times to connect children to the vision of the church. Parallel lessons are provided for youth and adults. Enjoy the journey together!

### Names of the First Apostles

Simon-Peter  
Andrew  
James  
John  
Philip  
Bartholomew  
Thomas  
Matthew  
James  
Thaddeus  
Simon  
Judas

## UNPACKING THE SCRIPTURE

### WHAT DOES AN APOSTLE DO?

In Matthew 10:2–20 the first apostles were called and given special jobs they were to do. By now this scripture has been read several times in class, so focus this time on verses 6 through 10. Talk with the children about the instructions given to the apostles. If necessary help the children understand the meaning of the words: heal, cure, and cleanse. Be careful how you discuss “raising the dead” or the “casting out of demons” due to children’s concrete thinking. (This may be confusing and scary to them.) Have the children pull their adapted copies of Doctrine and Covenants 163:5a from their backpacks to read in unison. Discuss how today’s apostles can teach us the story of Jesus and how we can share it with others. Also talk about how the apostles might help us to build communities of fairness. Ask the children what is unfair in their communities.



### CAN I BE SENT OUT?

The word “apostle” means one sent on a mission. Being sent out into the world is a pretty big job. Before the Twelve were named as apostles, they were doing other jobs. These jobs may have been what they wanted to do when they grew up. Although it may be a long time before you choose what you want to do when you grow up, there are lots of things you can do now to share Jesus with others. On the postcard or stationery provided write what you would like to do to help the apostles create a world of peace and fairness and how you would like to help. Collect these and mail them to Poul Wilson at 1001 West Walnut, Independence, MO 64050.

### BE BESIDE ME

Now that the children have learned the apostles names and jobs, have them create a poster or short story to share with the congregation showing or telling about the “world of peace and fairness” they thought about earlier. This piece may be used in worship to assist the children in requesting the adults to help them on their journey of sharing Jesus with others.

## PACKING FOR THE JOURNEY

It’s time to pack for the journey ahead. Have children pack their drawings, lists, and children’s pages in their backpacks or bags. Ask them what they have learned today about seeing and helping. How will they share Jesus with others? How will they help others?

### ARE WE THERE YET?

To extend this lesson for a rotation model or for intergenerational or additional learning, try the following:

- Share the story of how all children can be leaders of peace from the book *Peace Begins with You*, (ISBN 978-0316774406).
- Create banners or posters for your classroom with examples of how the world can be more just and peaceful.

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# Aliyah

Equipping children and youth for the journey



**ALIYAH** is a Hebrew word meaning a journey toward God. Are you ready for **ALIYAH**?

**LESSON #4:**  
**LEAD ME**  
Children's Page

In Doctrine and Covenants 163:5a it says the apostles are to help build "signal communities of justice and peace." In simpler words it says they are to help build communities of fairness. List ways they can help build a world of fairness.

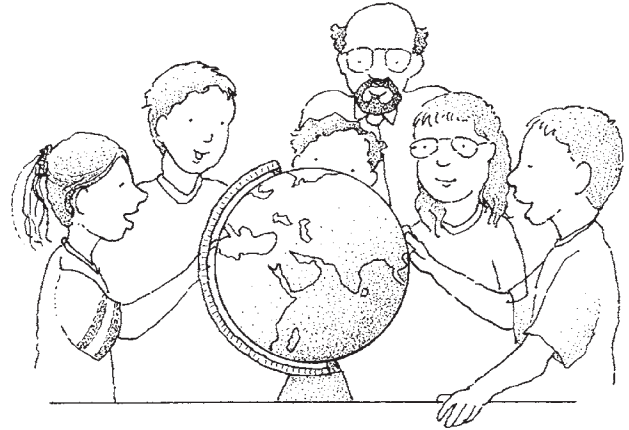
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How will you help build a world of fairness this week? How will you help make the world a fairer place?

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## WHO AM I?

Here are the initials of the names of the first apostles. Can you complete their names?

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## OWNER'S GUIDE

for \_\_\_\_\_  
created by \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will make the world a better place by sharing Jesus' lessons of justice and fairness with:

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