Preschool–Grade 5

The Twelve Disciples Craft

A mountain card with twelve name flaps · Mark 3:13–19 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



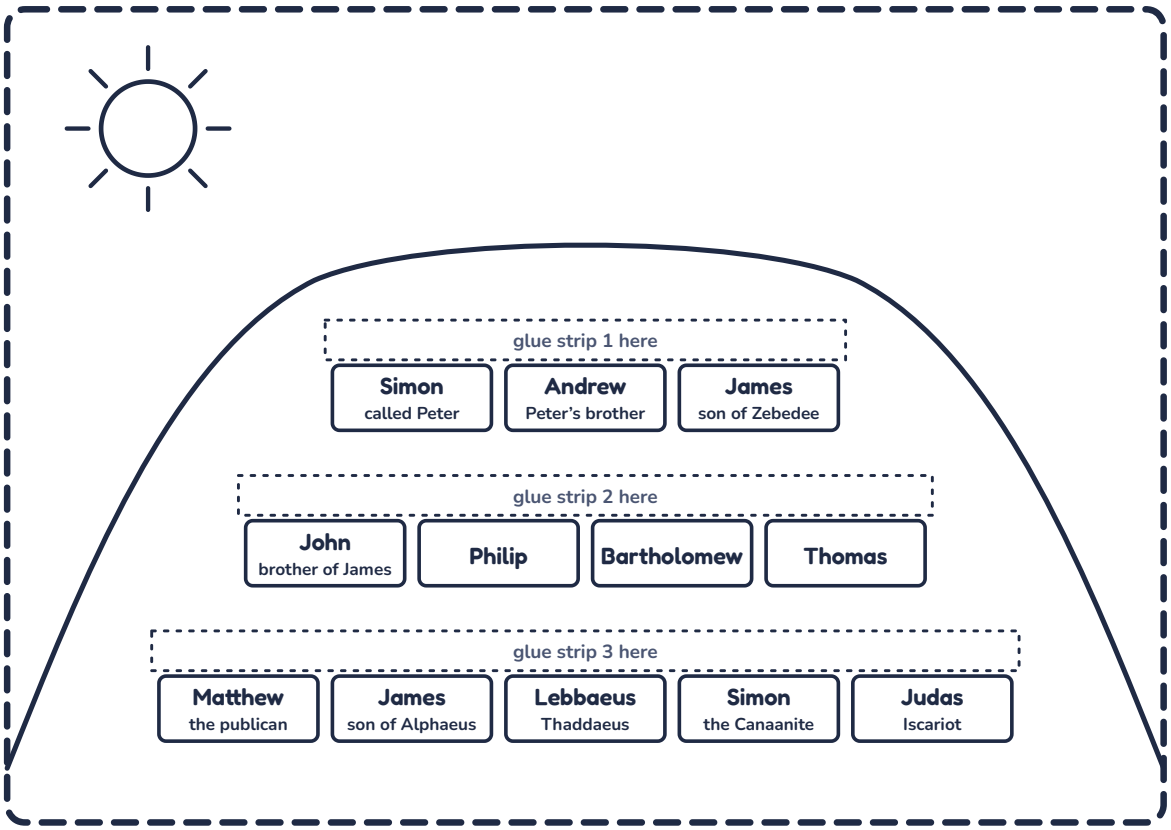
Harder

Both levels are a mountain card with a light blue sky, a yellow sun and a green mountain, because Jesus "goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would" (Mark 3:13). On the mountain are twelve lift-up flaps in three rows (3, 4 and 5), colored red, yellow, blue, orange and purple. Under each flap is the name of one of the twelve (Matthew 10:2–4). Medium (left): the mountain card with its flaps. Harder (right): a dark blue night sky with a yellow moon and stars folds down over the sky, because Jesus "continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

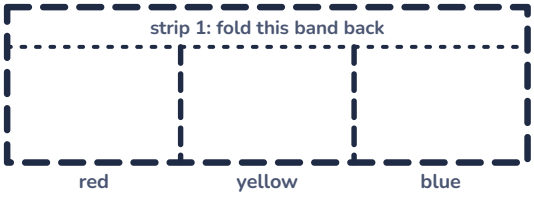
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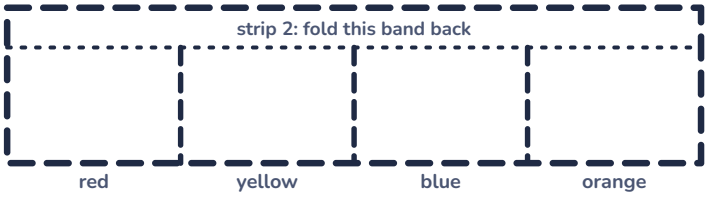
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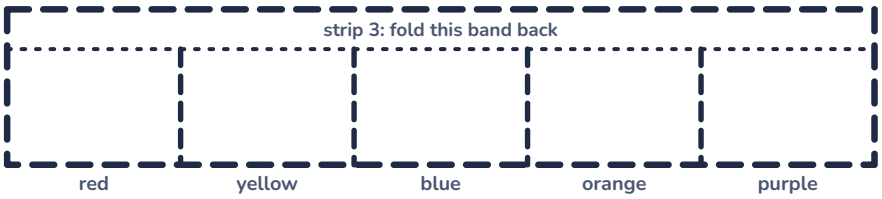
✂ Cut on the dashed lines



Mountain card: sky light blue, sun yellow, mountain green. Leave the name boxes white.







And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

Mark 3:14 (KJV)

verse card: glue it on the back of the mountain card

Name flaps: color each flap the color printed under it. Cut out each strip, then snip up the short dashed lines between the flaps, only to the dotted line.

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the three strips and the verse card.

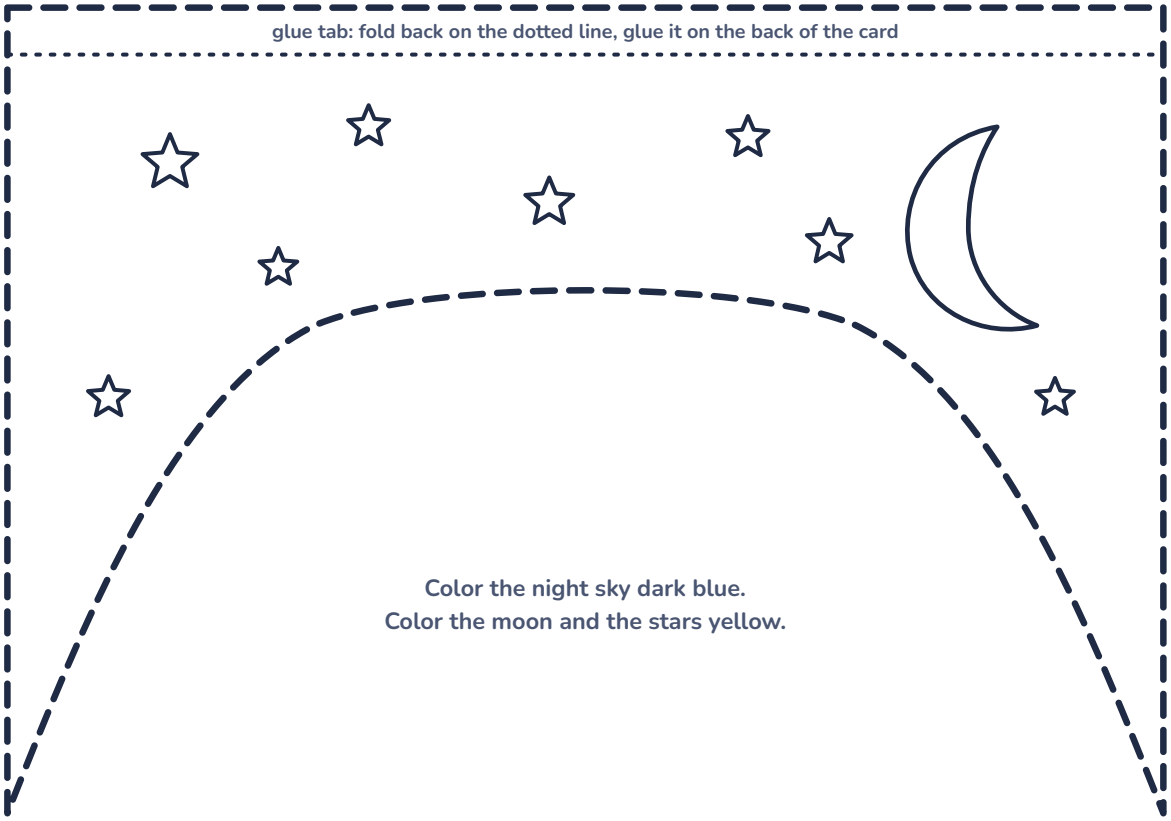
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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Night sky flap (harder level)



Cut on the dashed line. The curved bottom edge is the top of the mountain.

How to add the night sky flap

1. Make the mountain card from page 2 first.
2. Color the night sky dark blue and the moon and stars yellow. Cut the piece out on the dashed line. Take your time on the curved bottom edge: it is the top of the mountain.
3. Fold the glue tab back on the dotted line.
4. Put glue on the tab only. Press it onto the back of the mountain card along the top edge, so the night sky folds down over the front and covers the sky and the sun.
5. Tell the story with the night sky down: Jesus went out into a mountain to pray, and "continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12). At "when it was day" (Luke 6:13), lift the night sky to show the sun. Then lift the flaps one at a time and read the twelve names.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/twelve-disciples-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), crayons or markers in light blue, yellow, green, red, blue, orange and purple, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a dark blue crayon or marker.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the mountain card, the three strips and the verse card, snip between the flaps and fold back the bands ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces, snip between the flaps and fold the bands. Kids color the card and the flaps. Then they glue the three strips in their rows with your help, and you glue the verse card on the back. Lift the flaps together and count to twelve.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out the pieces, snip between the flaps and glue the strips themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the mountain card like the medium level. Then add the night sky flap from page 3 and use it to retell the story (Luke 6:12–13). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the sun yellow and the mountain green. Leave the twelve name boxes white.
2. **Color the flaps:** each flap gets the color printed under it: red, yellow, blue, orange, purple, starting again with red on every strip.
3. **Cut:** cut out the mountain card, the three strips and the verse card on the long dashed lines. Then snip up the short dashed lines between the flaps, only as far as the dotted line.
4. **Fold:** fold the top band of each strip back on the dotted line.
5. **Glue:** put glue on the folded band only. Press strip 1 (3 flaps) onto the top dotted glue line, strip 2 (4 flaps) onto the middle one and strip 3 (5 flaps) onto the bottom one, so each flap covers one name. Lift each flap and say the name: Simon called Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Lebbaeus (Thaddaeus), Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot (Matthew 10:2–4).
6. **Verse:** glue the verse card on the back of the mountain card and read it together.

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the mountain. What did Jesus do on the mountain all night? *(He prayed to God, Luke 6:12)*
- When did Jesus call His disciples? *(When it was day, Luke 6:13)* How many did He choose? *(Twelve, 6:13)*
- Why did Jesus choose them? *("that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach," Mark 3:14)*
- Lift the first flap. What new name did Jesus give Simon? *(Peter, Mark 3:16)*
- What did Jesus call James and John? *(Boanerges, "The sons of thunder," Mark 3:17)*
- Lift Matthew's flap. What was his job? *(He was a publican, a man who collected taxes, Matthew 10:3)*
- Lift the last flap. What does the Bible say about Judas Iscariot? *(He later betrayed Jesus, Matthew 10:4)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: ordained** means chose and set apart for a special job; **send them forth** means send them out; **preach** means tell people God's message; **apostles** is the name Jesus gave the twelve (Luke 6:13); **surnamed** means gave another name; **publican** means a man who collected taxes; **betrayed** means turned against Jesus and handed Him over to His enemies.
- **Two names for some men:** the names come from Matthew 10:2–4. Matthew 10:3 calls one man "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus" (and Mark 3:18 says Thaddaeus), and Luke's list has "Judas the brother of James" in his place (Luke 6:16). Simon "the Canaanite" (Matthew 10:4) is "Simon called Zelotes" in Luke 6:15. The Bible doesn't explain the extra names, so we don't add to it.
- **Jesus prayed all night:** Jesus is God manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). He was also truly a man, and as a man He prayed to God (Luke 6:12). He shows us how to pray before big choices.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** Jesus and the twelve are not drawn. The flaps hold their names instead.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and fold the bands. Hold up a finished card so they can see the goal. Count to twelve together as you lift the flaps.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free 12 disciples lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/twelve-disciples.

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