

# JESUS' FRIENDS, THE DISCIPLES

Sunday School Lesson



## Create Curiosity:

Create a party scene in your meeting space by hanging streamers and balloons. Give every child an invitation as they enter.

Ask, when do you usually see these things? You've probably seen them when you went to a friend's birthday party. Today, we will hear about some friends of Jesus.

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## Teaching Time:

Show your open Bible as you teach.

Jesus chose 12 disciples when He was on earth. They were His friends. They traveled with Him and helped him teach and preach.

Here are the names of Jesus' disciples:

Simon Peter - Fisherman who left to follow Jesus

Andrew - follower of John the Baptist, who followed Jesus

James - Fishing in father's boat and followed

John - James' brother also fishing in father's boat and followed

Philip - Jesus met him on the way to Galilee and he followed Jesus

Bartholomew (Nathanael) - His friend Philip told him to, Come and see

Matthew - Tax collector whom Jesus came to and said, Follow Me.

Thomas

James son of Alphaeus

Simon who was called the Zealot

Judas son of James (elsewhere called Thaddaeus)

Judas Iscariot

\*The Bible doesn't say how some of the disciples were called.

Jesus loved His friends.

Jesus loves you and is your friend too!

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## **Craft Corner:**

Party Hat Craft

Provide each child with a party hat template. Color and decorate. Cut it out. Bring sides together like a cone and secure with glue or tape. Add a thin elastic string, if you would like by punching two small holes on each side.

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## **Sing a Song:**

Jesus is my Friend song by Lifeway VBS, Twists and Turns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfs-TcXtbXU&t=1s>

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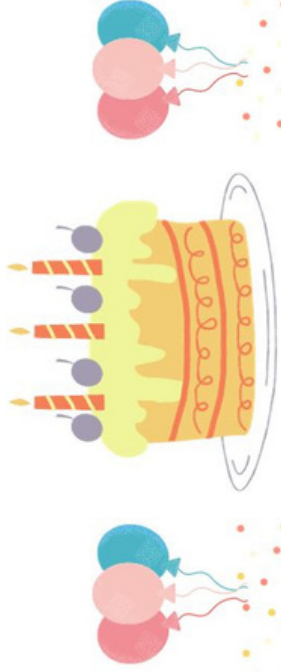
## **Group Game:**

Toss balloons in the air and try to keep them up.

You may choose to do other party games.

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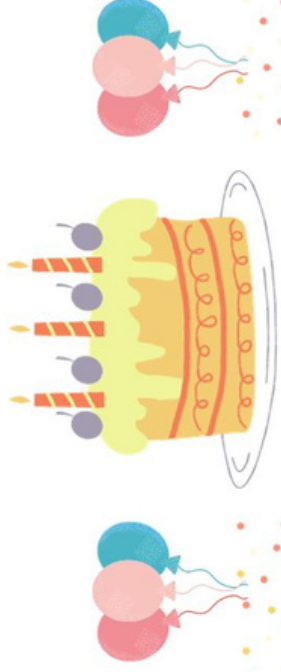
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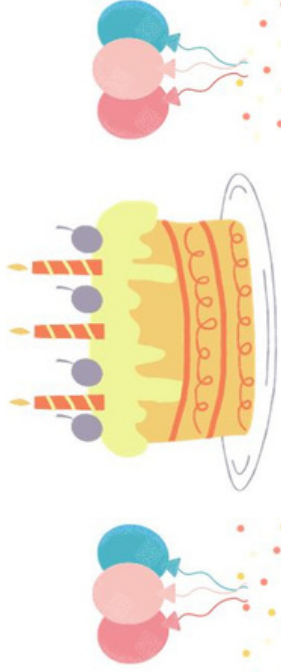
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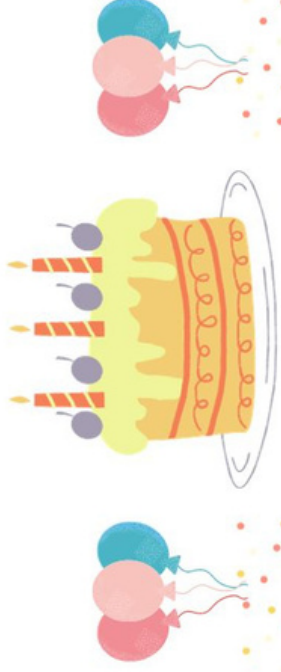
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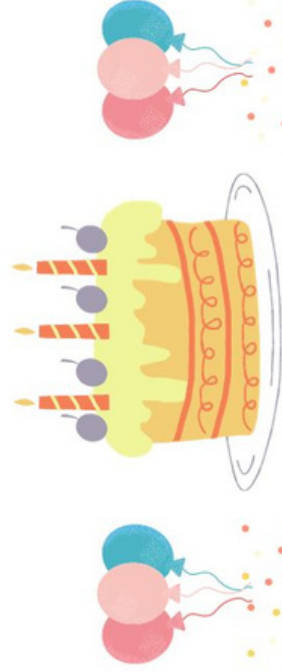
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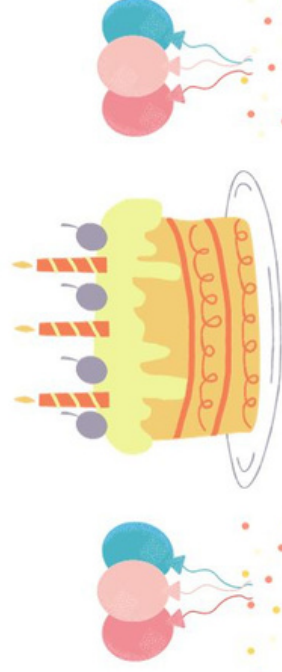
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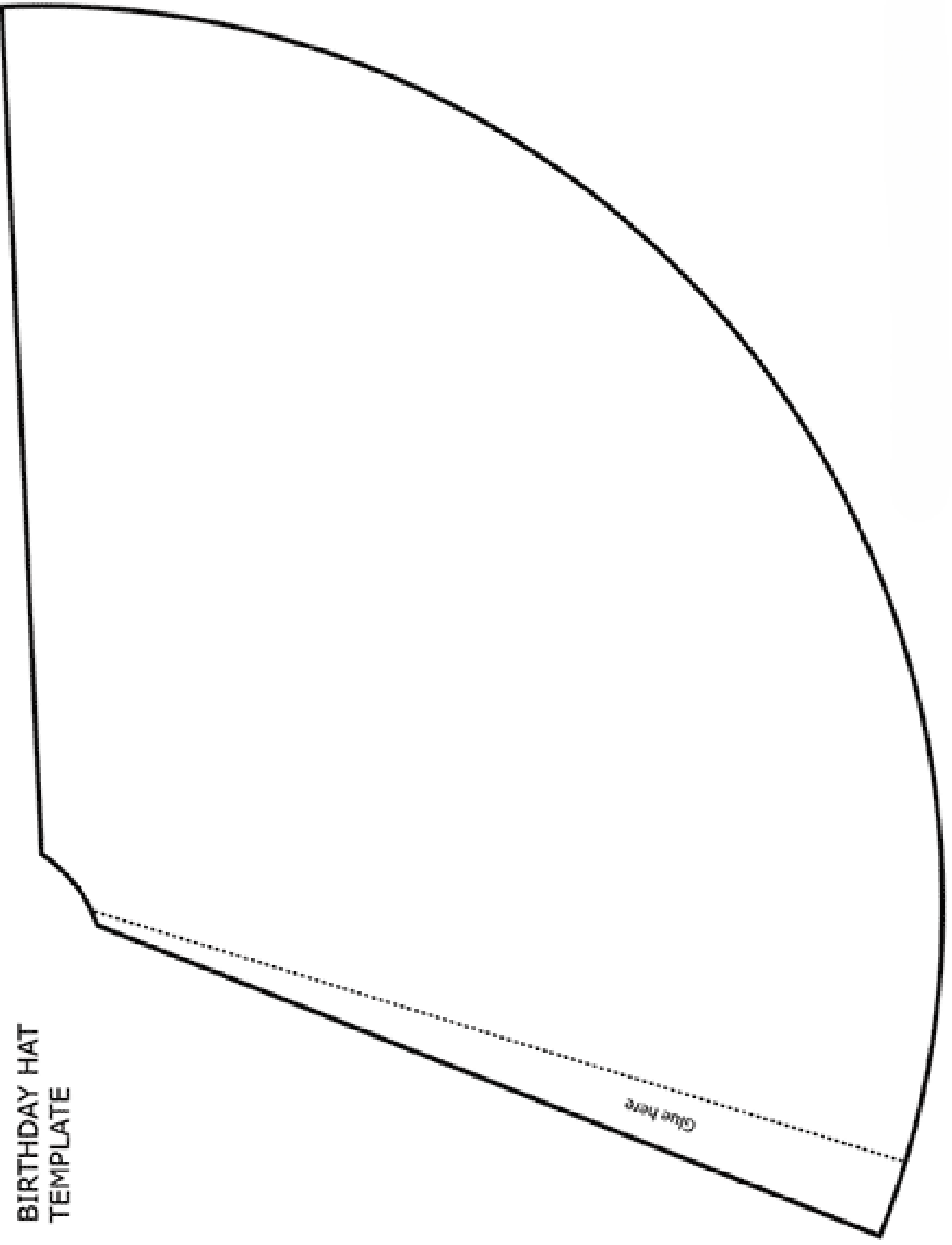
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**BIRTHDAY HAT  
TEMPLATE**



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