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**Instructions:** Print out a copy of the stories and clues for each treasure.



## TREASURE #1 ST PETER

**Clue to give the squads:** You are my rock

**Hide the treasure:** Near rocks

**Candy to go in the box:** Pop Rocks

**To discuss after story is read:**

**How did he get to know Jesus?** By being himself and going to Jesus to ask for forgiveness. he watched Jesus and asked him a lot of questions.

**What can we learn from St Peter?** Go to Jesus in the Eucharist and ask him questions when I am confused. If I fall, ask for forgiveness.



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## ST PETER's STORY FOR THE TREASURE BOX



His name was originally Simon Peter. He was a fisherman and his brother was Andrew, who was also an apostle. Andrew is the one who introduced Peter to Jesus. So Peter first got to know Jesus because someone else introduced him. Peter had a very strong character and it seems like it was hard for him to leave his life and follow Jesus. But Jesus did a lot of special things with Peter like the miraculous catch of fish, preaching from Peter's boat, walking on water, washing his feet at the last supper. Sometimes Peter didn't think before he acted or spoke and made some mistakes in his friendship with Jesus. Right after Jesus makes Peter the first pope, Peter told Jesus not to go to Jerusalem where Jesus was going to die to save us from our sins. Peter did not want to see Jesus die and he wanted to stop him from putting himself in danger. This upset Jesus because Peter was getting in the way of his mission and did not yet understand the cross. In the Garden, Peter got so angry at the guards that he cut off the high priest's servant's ear and Jesus told him to stop. Peter made big mistakes but the one thing he did do right was that he always came back and asked for forgiveness to Jesus. He showed Jesus who he really was and channeled all his energy to helping Jesus. After Jesus was taken captive, Peter was asked if he was associated with Jesus, and three times Peter denied Jesus. You would think that Jesus would be so hurt that he would not even want to associate himself with Peter anymore. But Peter repented and he kept the apostles together. Jesus appeared to them again on the shore of the lake and he spoke personally to Peter and forgave him, giving him another chance. Peter got to know Jesus by watching him, listening to him and asking a lot of questions.



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## TREASURE #2 ST JOHN

**Clue to give the squads:** a dangerous place to be in a storm

**Hide the treasure:** Near tree **Candy in the box:** heart candy

**To discuss after story is read:**

**How did he get to know Jesus?** By going to Jesus and telling him how he felt and asking him how he would deal with situations. He opened his heart to Jesus.

**What can we learn from St john?** To pray sincerely and tell Jesus how we feel about things.



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## ST John's STORY FOR THE TREASURE BOX



John and he was a teenager when he followed Christ. Everything we know about John is from the four Gospels (one of which he wrote – the Gospel of John) and the letters he wrote in the New Testament. We know he was a fisherman and the son of Zebedee. His brother was James. Then, Jesus called him from his boat to be a follower and apostle. John left everything and followed Jesus. Jesus not only called him to be an apostle, he called him to be one of his friends. In the Gospel there are many stories where Jesus taught John about being a Christian. Jesus brought him along for the raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead, the Transfiguration and the Agony in Gethsemane. John was not perfect. He has a bit of a temper and held grudges. Once he and James went ask once asked Jesus to call down fire on a Samaritan town, which would not listen to them. Jesus listened to him patiently and then explained why that would not be a good thing to do. Another time he showed that he was a bit proud and asked to sit at Jesus' right and left in His kingdom. Jesus had to teach him how to be merciful, forgiving and to put other people first. John grew in his love for Jesus. He was there right beside Jesus at the last supper and he was there when everyone abandoned Christ, at the foot of the cross. It is there where Jesus told him to take care of his mother Mary. So it is tradition that John took care of Mary after Jesus' death. John spent 3 years with Jesus and he came to him with his temper and he told Jesus everything he felt. Jesus was able to teach him how to be Christian because he was so open. John got to know Jesus' heart because John opened his own heart to Jesus.





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## TREASURE #3 ST PAUL

**Clue to give the squads:** keeps sun from blinding us at home

**Hide the treasure:** Near curtains or blinds

**Candy in the box:** Life Savers

**To discuss after story is read:**

**How did he get to know Jesus?** By dedicating a lot of time to pray. Paul had a hard heart and he had an intense conversion so he knew he needed to pray intensely.

**What can we learn from St Paul?** To dedicate long moments to pray to Jesus.



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## ST PAUL ' s STORY FOR THE TREASURE BOX



St. Paul was not one of the twelve apostles but he can show us how to get to know Jesus even though Jesus was not alive on earth when Paul converted. Paul was a very important man who actually persecuted the Christians He stoned people who believed in Jesus and was basically worst than a Pharisee. So Jesus had to take a different approach with St Paul in order to get to know him. One day on the road to Damascus, Christ paid Paul (whose name was Saul) a visit. Paul fell off his horse, was blinded and Christ spoke to him. "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," After that, Paul had his conversion and began to spread the message of Christ to the world. He went on a retreat into the desert to pray and fast and get to know Jesus. His life is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostle and he wrote many letters to the Christians in the cities he went to. They talk about his love for Jesus which he got by praying. Paul endured much for his love of Christ. He was tortured, shipwrecked, whipped, arrested and finally taken to Rome where he died as a martyr. His friendship with Christ was because of his prayer life.



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## TREASURE #4 ST ANDREW

**Clue to give the squads:** the place where you will find loaves

**Hide the treasure:** Near kitchen

**Treat in the box:** Goldfish crackers

**To discuss after story is read:**

**How did he get to know Jesus?** By listening to how other people's faith and lending a hand to people.

**What can we learn from St Andrew?** To listen to how other people believe in Jesus and share our faith with others.



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## ST ANDREW's STORY FOR THE TREASURE BOX



St. Andrew was the brother of St. Peter and a disciple of St. John the Baptist. When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, Andrew was so impressed that he spoke to Jesus and became one of His first disciples. Andrew quickly convinced Peter to speak to Jesus as well, and they became "fishers of men". So we know that St Andrew got to know Jesus by watching him and seeing the way John the Baptist believed in him. Someone else's faith helped him believe (John the Baptist's faith...) So then Andrew turned around and invited his brother, hoping that chain reaction would continue. He just wanted to help Jesus. Andrew appears in the Gospels as quiet and helpful. He brought forward the boy with the fish and loaves that Jesus multiplied and was also known to offer advice to the other Apostles. He was someone who watched carefully and saw Jesus' every move so he was there to lend a hand. It is believed that St. Andrew was crucified in Greece on an X shaped cross. The story says that he was not nailed but roped onto the cross, and he hung on his cross for two days preaching to the crowd that watched him.





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## TREASURE #5 ST THOMAS

**Clue to give the squads:** the place where you always go alone

**Hide the treasure:** Near bathroom

**Candy in the box:** Butterfinger

**To discuss after story is read:**

**How did he get to know Jesus?** By asking questions to Jesus and looking things up. Needed proof for a lot of things and wanted to feel Jesus present with him.

**What can we learn from St Thomas?** To learn about our faith and read. Many people have written a lot of interesting things about Jesus' life.



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## ST THOMAS ' s STORY FOR THE TREASURE BOX



Thomas was one of the twelve apostles and his nickname is doubting Thomas and he was a bit of a pessimist. But Jesus called him to be one of his apostles for all of us who find it hard to believe without seeing. We don't know how Thomas met Jesus but it was probably walking along one day. We knew Thomas liked to be in control and that it was hard for him to believe things without understanding or having proof, so it was probably hard for him to believe a lot of Jesus' teachings. Jesus probably had to talk to Thomas, show him a lot of proof and let him see the miracles. Sometimes it takes a miracle for us to open our eyes and believe. The most famous scene with Thomas is after Jesus' resurrection, he said, "Unless I see the nail prints in His hands and put my finger into the nail prints and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." The amazing thing is that Jesus came and let him do that and Thomas believed. Jesus knew what Thomas needed and because they were friends he came to him and allowed him to touch his side. Sometimes we need to "feel" Jesus with us.



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## Treasure #6 St James

**Clue to give the squads:** the first place you go when you enter

**Hide the treasure:** Near door

**Candy in the box:** 3 muskateers

**To discuss after story is read:**

**How did he get to know Jesus?** By bringing Jesus his problems and crazy ideas and listening to his answer.

**What can we learn from St James?** Nothing is too silly to bring to Jesus and we need to get to know how he would act if he were in our shoes.



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## ST JAMES' STORY FOR THE TREASURE BOX



James was one of the 12 apostles and they called him the apostle of passion. He was known – along with St John his brother – as the Sons of Thunder. James and John were called by Jesus while they were fishing and we know from the Gospel that they left everything and followed him. Jesus came up to them and found them while they were doing their ordinary work. They found him walking along the shore in their lives. James was in the inner circle of Peter & John with Jesus. They spent a lot of time together and Jesus would bring them to special moments like the Transfiguration or healing. James learnt who Jesus was by seeing. Jesus knew that James had a big personality and Jesus needed to shake him up by bringing him to moving and impressive moments to show him who he was, otherwise he would not have caught James' attention. James wanted to call down fire from heaven on a Samaritan village, but Jesus told him nope... James was ambitious and wanted to sit with his brother John at the right & left hand of Jesus' throne, but Jesus told him nope... and then gave them a lecture on the first shall be last. James got to know Jesus by bringing his problems to him and asking him for answers.





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## Treasure #7 St Matthew

**Clue to give the squads:** the place you go to find books

**Hide the treasure:** Near bookshelf

**Candy in the box:** chocolate gold coins

**To discuss after story is read:**

**How did he get to know Jesus?** By listening to his words and watching his actions.

**What can we learn from St Matthew?** Reading the gospel can help us know Jesus and his life.



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## ST MATTHEW'S STORY FOR THE TREASURE BOX



Matthew was one of the apostles and he was a tax collector before he met Jesus. He wrote one of the gospels later on, so we know that he watched carefully and probably jotted down things Jesus said. Tax collectors were considered scoundrels, thugs, & traitors. They were hated so when Jesus walked into his trading post and called Matthew, he was probably very surprised to be chosen because he was never chosen for anything. From that moment on he listened and took note of all Jesus' teachings. He got to know Jesus by listening to his words and watching his actions. He wanted other people to know Jesus by his words and actions so he took to writing the Gospel of Matthew – under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.



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## Treasure #8 St Philip

**Clue to give the squads:** If you rode a horse you would leave it here

**Hide the treasure:** parking lot

**Candy in the box:** Reese's cups

**To discuss after story is read:**

**How did he get to know Jesus?** By asking direct questions and by asking for his mercy.

**What can we learn from St Philip?** Never think you are too lost for God. Turn to Christ always.



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## ST Philip's STORY FOR THE TREASURE BOX



Philip was one of the twelve apostles and we don't know a lot about him but he is mentioned a few times. He met Jesus while Jesus was walking around Galilee, talking about saving the lost sheep. Then he finds Philip and says – Follow me. We can assume Philip was a little lost. Philip follows Jesus and runs to tell Nathaniel – his friend- about Jesus, so Nathaniel comes and follows him too. Philip got to know Jesus through his mercy and forgiveness, so then he turned around and called another friend in need of that forgiveness and mercy. Philip was into money and probably horse racing because Philip means lover of horses. At the feeding of the 5000, he panicked and told Jesus "200 denarii worth of bread wouldn't feed everyone!" Basically he was trusted to carry the money and there was not too much. He got to know Jesus by how much he trusted him. You can tell someone cares about you when they trust you. He grew to really love Jesus. At the Last Supper, he said, "Lord, we do not know where You are going and how can we know the way?" He asked Jesus blunt questions and got answers.





# Learn from the experts How to know Jesus

### St Peter

**How he got to know Jesus:** By being himself and going to Jesus to ask for forgiveness. he watched Jesus and asked him a lot of questions.

**What can we learn from St Peter?**

### St John

**How he got to know Jesus:** By going to Jesus and telling him how he felt and asking him how he would deal with situations. He opened his heart to Jesus.

**What can we learn from St John?**

### St Paul

**How he got to know Jesus:** By dedicating a lot of time to pray. Paul had a hard heart and he had an intense conversion so he knew he needed to pray intensely.

**What can we learn from St Paul?**

### St Andrew

**How he got to know Jesus:** By listening to how other people's faith and lending a hand to people.

**What can we learn from St Andrew?**



# Learn from the experts How to know Jesus

### **St Thomas**

**How he got to know Jesus:** By asking questions to Jesus and looking things up. Needed proof for a lot of things and wanted to feel Jesus present with him.

**What can we learn from St Thomas?**

### **St James**

**How he got to know Jesus:** By bringing Jesus his problems and crazy ideas and listening to his answer.

**What can we learn from St James?**

### **St Matthew**

**How he got to know Jesus:** By listening to his words and watching his actions.

**What can we learn from St Matthew?**

### **St Philip**

**How he got to know Jesus:** By asking direct questions and by asking for his mercy.

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