

The Acts of the Apostles

The Apostles

- The word "Apostle" means messenger; one who has been sent." Whereas "Disciple" means learner.
- The 12 Apostles were messengers sent into the world for a fixed purpose, with specific instructions from the Lord. Jesus called them, ordained them and sent them into the world even as His Father had sent Him.

Task one:

Matthew 10: 2-4

Find out the names of the 12 Apostles using a Bible or if you don't have a Bible then search for the passage in Google.

Basic Facts about the Acts of the Apostles

- The Book of Acts was written by the same evangelist who wrote the Gospel of Luke.
- It was written in approximately AD 80.
- The Acts of the Apostles picks up where the Gospel of Luke ends.
- It recounts how the early Church grew under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Being an Apostle

According to The New Testament to be an Apostle you had to fulfil three conditions:

The person had to have been an eyewitness to Jesus after his resurrection (1 Corinthians 9:1); had to have been chosen by the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:15); and had to have ministered with miraculous signs and wonders (Acts 2:43; 2 Corinthians 12:12).

Watch this short video about The Acts of the Apostles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSSYRnC-sVk>

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Task Two

Write a job description for the Apostles which highlights the qualities and skills they would have needed to spread the word of God.

Think about what would be involved in the job and what skills and qualities they would need to carry out their job.

What were the most important beliefs and values of the Apostles?

Not everyone wanted to hear what they had to say and may have responded negatively— what skills/qualities would they have needed to deal with this?

Use the format on the next page to help you set out your advert.

Job Description

Title of job

Description of the job

Skills/Qualities needed for the job