# Living the Church Year Lesson Plan:
## 72 Disciples of Christ

**Ages 9-14**

**Feast of the Seventy-Two Disciples of Christ**

**Objective**

By the end of the lesson, students will:

- Understand who the Seventy-Two Disciples were.
- Learn why Jesus sent them out.
- Discover the message they preached.
- Apply the lesson of faithful discipleship to their own lives.

**Opening Prayer (2-3 minutes)**

"Lord Jesus Christ, You called the Seventy-Two Disciples to serve You and share Your message with the world. Help us to follow You faithfully, to share Your love with others, and to always remember that our greatest joy is being Your children. Amen."

**Scripture Reading (5 minutes)**

**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

Key Verse: "Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20)

**Background Teaching (10 minutes)**

Most people know about Jesus' Twelve Apostles, but the Gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus also appointed seventy-two disciples.

Jesus sent these disciples out in pairs to towns and villages before He arrived. Their job was to tell people about God's Kingdom and prepare them to meet Christ. Jesus told them to trust in God, not worry about money or possessions, and share His message with courage.

When the disciples returned, they were excited because God had worked through them. But Jesus reminded them that the greatest gift was not miracles or success. The greatest gift was belonging to God and having eternal life.

The Armenian Church honors these disciples because they helped spread Christianity and showed great faith and devotion.

**Discussion Questions (10 minutes)**

1. Why did Jesus send out the Seventy-Two Disciples?
2. Why did He send them in pairs instead of alone?
3. What message were they supposed to preach?
4. Why were they so happy when they returned?
5. What did Jesus say should be their greatest source of joy?
6. How can we be disciples of Christ today?
7. What are some ways we can share God's love with others?

**Activity: "Modern-Day Disciples" (10-15 minutes)**

Give each student a sheet of paper. Ask them to draw a large cross in the center and write:

**"I Can Be a Disciple By..."**

Around the cross, students write or draw ways they can follow Christ, such as:

- Praying daily
- Being kind to others
- Helping parents
- Inviting friends to church
- Reading the Bible
- Forgiving others
- Standing up for what is right

Allow students to share their ideas with the class.

**Life Application**

The Seventy-Two Disciples were ordinary people who trusted Jesus and followed His call. God does not only call priests, apostles, or saints. He calls every Christian to live as His disciple. Just as the Seventy-Two prepared people to meet Jesus, we can help others come closer to Christ through our words, actions, kindness, and faith.

**Take-Home Message**

**A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, shares His love, and remains faithful to Him.**