

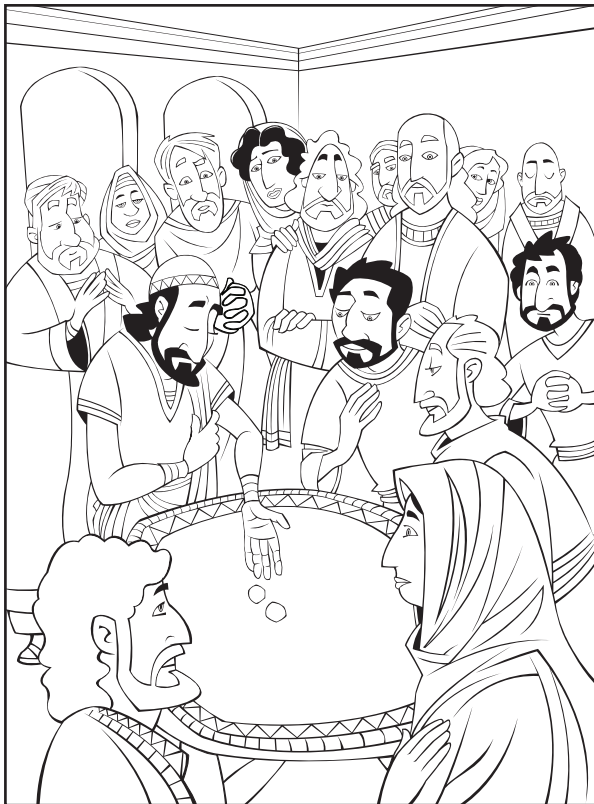
## Choosing Matthias

based on Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

After Jesus went to live with God forever, Jesus' followers often met together to pray, worship God, and eat meals together. One day, the apostle Peter said: "Judas, who shared in our ministry, betrayed Jesus and is gone now. It is time to replace him. I think the new apostle should be a person who has known Jesus since he was baptized in the river Jordan."

The group suggested that either Justus or Matthias could be the new apostle. They prayed, "Lord, show us which one of these men should take Judas's place and join us in telling the good news about Jesus. Amen."

Then Jesus' followers cast lots. (Lots were probably small stones with a mark on one side. Casting lots was like flipping a coin or drawing a name from a hat.) Jesus' followers trusted that doing this would reveal God's will. The lots indicated Matthias as the choice, so Matthias became the new apostle.



## Hidden Message Word Search

Find the words from the story. They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal. Write the remaining letters in order, in the spaces below, to find what Matthias became.

apostle	God	Justus	ministry	worship
baptized	Jesus	lots	pray	
coin	Judas	Matthias	river	

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