

# Large Group

## The Disciples Replaced Judas

Bible Passage: Acts 1

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23

Big Picture Question: How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?

The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.



### Countdown Video (3 mins)

### Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

### Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

### Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

### Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Last week, we learned that Jesus went back to heaven on a cloud because He had finished the work the Father gave Him. Jesus died on the cross and rose again, making the way for anyone who trusts in Him to be forgiven of sin and given eternal life. Before Jesus left earth, He gave His disciples an important mission. He told them to be His witnesses throughout the earth. Today, we will learn how the disciples chose Matthias to replace Judas and called him to be a witness to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

## Today's Lesson

After Jesus returned to His Father in heaven, the eleven disciples went back to Jerusalem. Do you remember why they went to Jerusalem? [Allow responses.] Jesus had told them to go to Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Spirit. While they were waiting, they prayed together. Praying is such an important part of a Christian's life. We pray to know how to follow God and ask Him to help us trust Him. Praying also shows that we want to spend time with God and depend on Him.

Then Peter stood up and reminded them about how Judas betrayed Jesus because God's Word said that would happen. They needed to find a replacement for Judas. Could Peter and the other disciples choose just anyone to replace Judas? Why not? [Allow responses.] The man who replaced Judas would have to be someone who had been a witness of Jesus' resurrection. It was important that this man be able to tell others what Jesus said and did because he had heard and seen it for himself.

The disciples needed to decide between two men, Joseph and Matthias, who knew Jesus to be the new disciple. Then the disciples prayed over their decision. Why do you think they prayed? [Allow responses.] Praying helps guide our decisions and shows that we need God to help us make the right choice. Praying shows our trust in God. God chose Matthias to be one of the twelve disciples.

From this time forward, Matthias and the other eleven disciples were known as apostles. An apostle means one who is sent on a mission. The twelve disciples became known as apostles because they had been sent by Jesus to be His witnesses in the world. The twelve apostles were witnesses of Jesus' resurrection.

**Christ Connection I** Matthias was chosen to join the apostles in sharing what they learned about Jesus. God calls us to join in this mission of sharing the gospel, working in community, and seeking Him in prayer.

## Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Acts 1:12-26

## Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

## Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.