

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Matthias the Apostle



Easter 7

from Acts 1:15-17, 21-26.

We need someone who knows that Jesus came back to life!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- The Disciples
- Peter
- Holy Spirit
- Acts of the Apostles

This story from the first chapter of Acts tells of Matthias's election to join the 12 disciples. Talk about an opportunity! But unlike Peter, John, Paul, and many other apostles, the Bible tells us nothing about Matthias's life after he is elected to join the 12.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 500-501

Spark Bible page 1203-1204

Family Prayer

Dear God, sometimes it can be hard to make big decisions. We think about all that might go wrong. We worry about making the wrong choice. We carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. Help us be like the apostles who prayed for guidance. Help us trust you in all we do. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Why did the disciples pray when they needed to find a new disciple?
- 2 How do you think Matthias felt when he was chosen? How do you think Barsabbas felt?
- 3 Have you ever been picked for something? Have you ever had to pick between two people?
- 4 What do you do when you have to make a big decision? What do your family and friends do?



Eye Spark

Whenever you come to a fork in a road or a place where you could go in two different directions, think about how the disciples made their hard choice.



Ear Spark

The next time someone tells you that they don't know what to do, say a silent prayer for them later in the day.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

"The Road Not Taken," one of Robert Frost's most famous poems, is about making a big choice in his life. After thinking it over, Frost decides to take "the one less traveled." As a family, read the poem. Then talk about what decision Frost could have been talking about.

For younger kids

Play a game of "Would You Rather" to help think about how you make choices. The options can be serious (Read the Old Testament or New Testament?) or silly (Start every sentence with the word "suddenly" or end every sentence with "Don't'cha think?") Talk about the hardest choice you've ever had to make.

For older kids

Talk with your pastor. Ask how he or she chose to take a call at your church. How did your pastor make the big decision? Does your pastor have any advice for you?