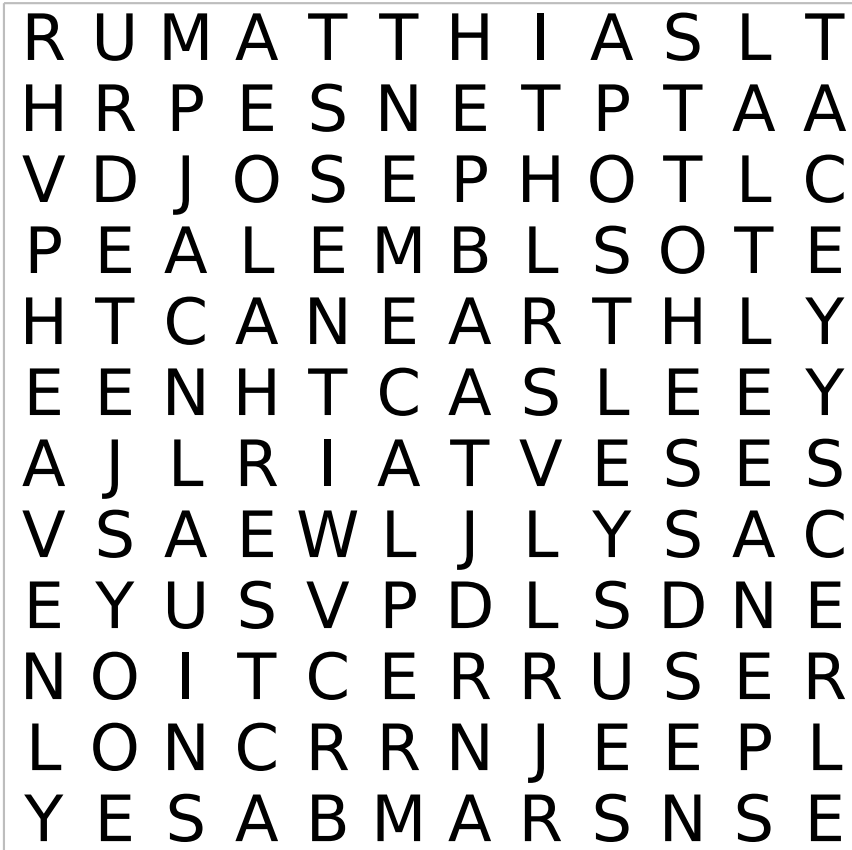


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# LESSONS FOR LAMBS

**ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE (FEBRUARY 24)**

*The color for St. Matthias, Apostle, is red.*



### What to listen for during the service?

When the disciples were choosing another disciple to replace Judas, they chose Matthias because he witnessed all of Jesus' ministry and His resurrection from the dead. Listen for parts of the service when we talk or sing about things Jesus did. What things do you hear?

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## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30**

*(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)*

25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

### **Questions to talk about with your parents:**

- 1) What does Jesus mean when He says that God has revealed these things to little children? What things? Why is it easier to teach children new things?
- 2) How do we know the Father? Who unites us with the Father? How?
- 3) Where do we find true rest for our souls? How do we find it?
- 4) Is it easier to focus on earthly things or heavenly things? Which one should we focus on? Why?

### **People of the Bible: Matthias**

Today we celebrate the feast of Matthias. But who was Matthias? Matthias was an apostle of Jesus. We hear about Matthias in Acts 1, when he was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. The eleven other apostles said that Judas' replacement had to be "one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." Two names were put forth, Joseph (also called Barsabbas or Justus) and Matthias. The disciples prayed to God to lead them to choose the man He wanted to replace Judas, and then they cast lots to decide, and the lot fell to Matthias. God can use whatever means He needs to proclaim His Gospel, and He chose Matthias to replace Judas and become one of the twelve apostles to bring the Gospel into all the world.

### **HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"**

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 For one in place of Judas,  
Th' apostles sought God's choice;  
The lot fell to Matthias  
For whom we now rejoice.  
May we like true apostles  
Your holy Church defend,  
And not betray our calling  
But serve You to the end.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow'r and glory  
And praise to God alone.

### **Draw a picture of the disciples choosing Matthias**

