

Jesus' Disciples

5+ lesson pack



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Introduction

In this lesson, we are reading Matthew 10:1-16 and learning about the twelve disciples Jesus chose and trained to continue his earthly ministry.

Some of the key points we will consider are:

1. Jesus knows you by your name - (Matthew 10:1)
2. Jesus calls His disciples (what is a disciple) - (Matthew 10:2-4)
3. Jesus empowers us for a mission to do things we could not do alone - (Matthew 10: 5-8)

Lesson Guide

Jesus chose twelve men to train and equip to help Him in His earthly ministry. Ask your children if they remember any of the disciples' names. (We have covered Simon Peter, Andrew and Matthew.) Remind your child that Jesus called them by name to follow Him.

Talk about your child's name with them. Tell them why you gave them that name. Was it a relative's name? Does it have a special meaning? (If in a classroom, try to look up some of the children's names meanings before class).

Think about how special a name is and how special it is when someone remembers your name. Think about a time someone forgot your or your child's name and ask the child how it would make someone feel. Read Isaiah 43:1. Share how God knows all His people by name.

Play a name memory game. Ask the children to name all the characters from their favorite cartoon or book. Ask them to name the children in their class or the people in main church. As it becomes more complicated, remind them how amazing it is that God never forgets our names.

Explain that a disciple is a follower. These men followed Jesus, learned from Him and obeyed Him. The goal of a disciple was to become like the teacher. Speak about people we try to copy such as an older sibling or a hero from TV.

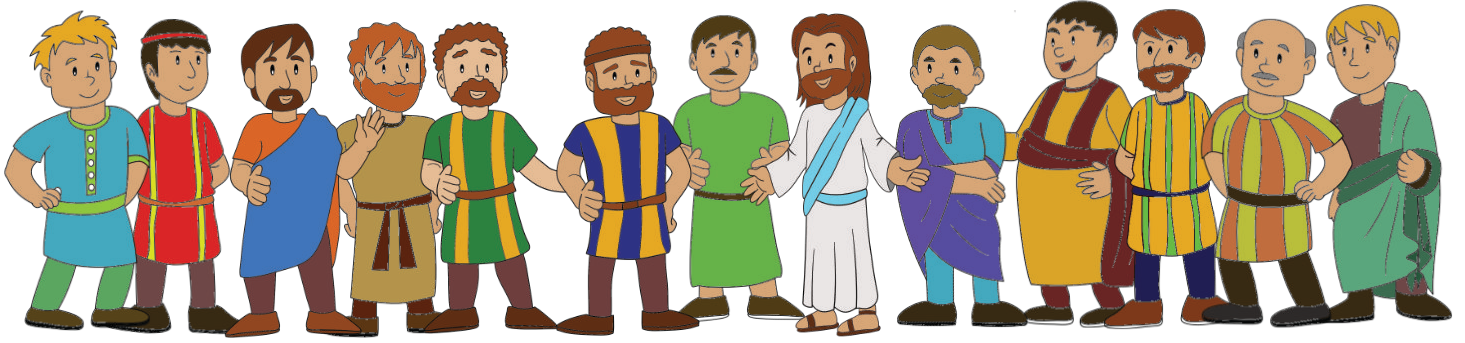
Share how Jesus empowered the disciples to take His message. He gave them what they needed. You may choose to create a game to illustrate this for your child. Select a brief message and the person to whom they will deliver it. Also, create places in your house or church that require a special tool e.g. perhaps put a string across the hallway with the instruction that it must be cut to pass it. Place some balloons on the floor with the instruction that they cannot be touched. Have a room with the light out so it is dark. Etc. Point out that they need to deliver this message, but they must pass through these obstacles first. Then pack a bag or basket for them. Place a pair of child-safe scissors to cut the string. A pin to pop the balloons. A flashlight for the dark room. Etc. Allow the child to use their problem-solving skills to figure out which item is needed to finish each task. You may assist them if necessary.

After they safely deliver the message, talk about how you gave them what they needed so that they could overcome the obstacles in their path. Talk about how Jesus has given us what we need to take the Gospel to others. Further example, that He not only gives us the tools but promises to go with us. Talk about some of the way Jesus equips us to share the Gospel.

Pray and thank Jesus for empowering believers to share the Gospel. Ask Him to help you work hard to become equipped to share the good news with others.

Video playlist is available on the website post which goes alongside this lesson.

Jesus chooses His Disciples



Jesus called twelve men to be His disciples. They would be His closest followers and He would teach them many things. They had different jobs, but when Jesus called, they all followed Him.

Their names were these: Simon, who is called Peter and his brother Andrew. James and his brother John who were the sons of Zebedee. Philip. Bartholomew. Thomas. Matthew the tax collector. James the son of Alpheus. Thaddaeus. Simon the Zealot. Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus gathered His disciples together and said, "I am giving you authority over unclean spirits, and the power to heal every kind of disease and sickness."

Jesus sent them out in groups of two and told them, "Do not go to the Gentiles or Samaritans. I am sending you to the lost sheep of the people of Israel. Preach to everyone you meet and say to all of them, 'The kingdom of heaven is close by.' Heal those who are sick, raise those who are dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. I have given to you freely. Freely give to others.

Do not worry about taking money, a bag, or clothes. Those who work are worthy of receiving an award.

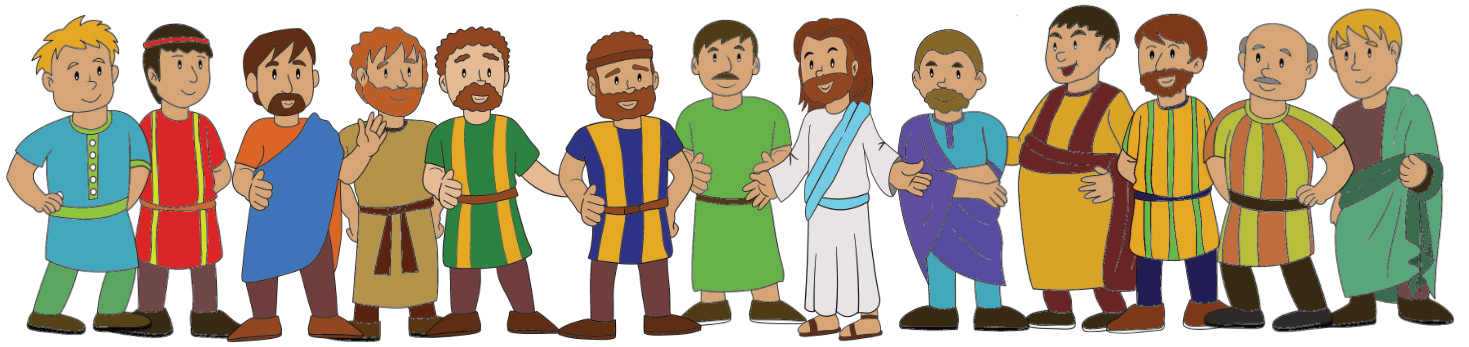
When you enter a city, find a good person, and stay with them. If someone does not listen to your preaching, shake the dust of their house and city from your feet. I send you as sheep among wolves. You must be as wise as a serpent and as gentle as a dove.

Be aware that some people will not like your message. They will try to get you in trouble and take you before rulers. Do not wonder what you will say. The Spirit of the Father will speak through you and give you the words that you should say.

Do not be afraid! Sparrows are sold for a few pennies, and yet the Father knows when one falls to the ground. Even the hairs of your heads are numbered.

If one says they are mine in front of men, I will say they are mine before the Father in heaven."

Jesus continued to give his disciples many instructions as they prepared to go and carry Jesus's words to the lost people of Israel.



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ANDREW

JOHN

PHILIP

BARTHOLOMEW

JUDAS

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MATTHEW

THADDAEUS

JAMES

PETER

THOMAS

**Jesus commanded the disciples to pack light.
Which things might you take on an overnight trip?**

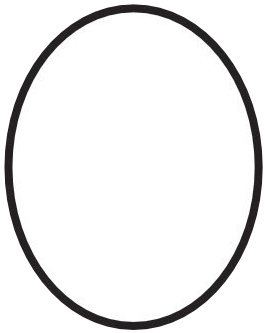




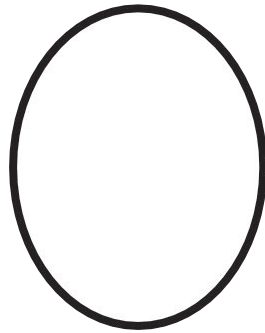
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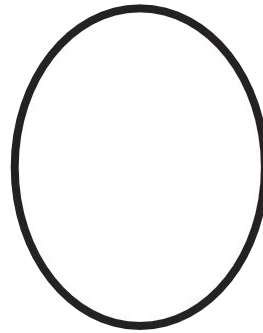
Draw twelve faces for the twelve disciples



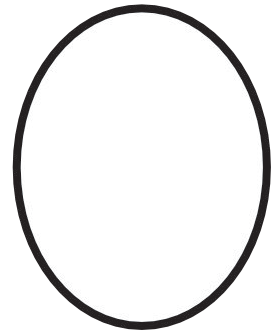
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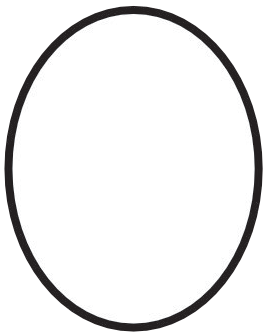
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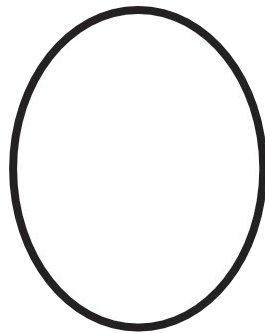
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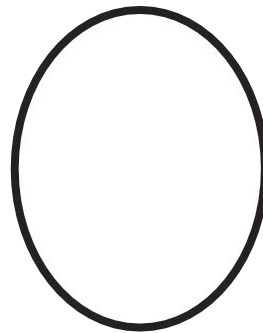
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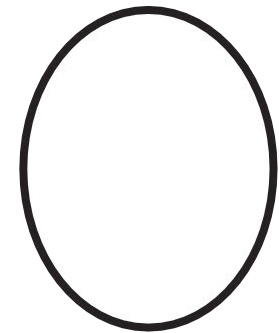
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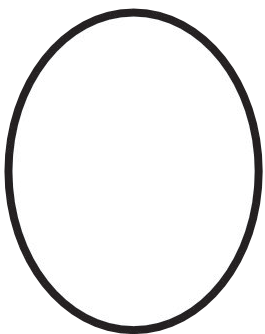
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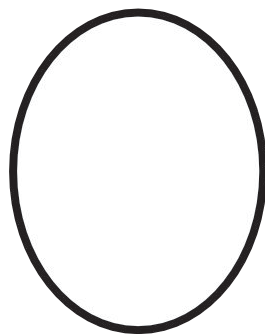
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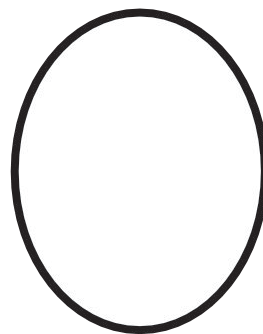
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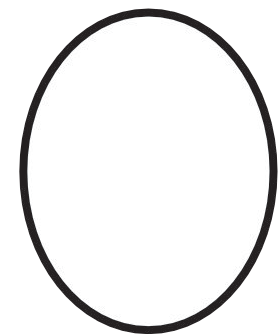
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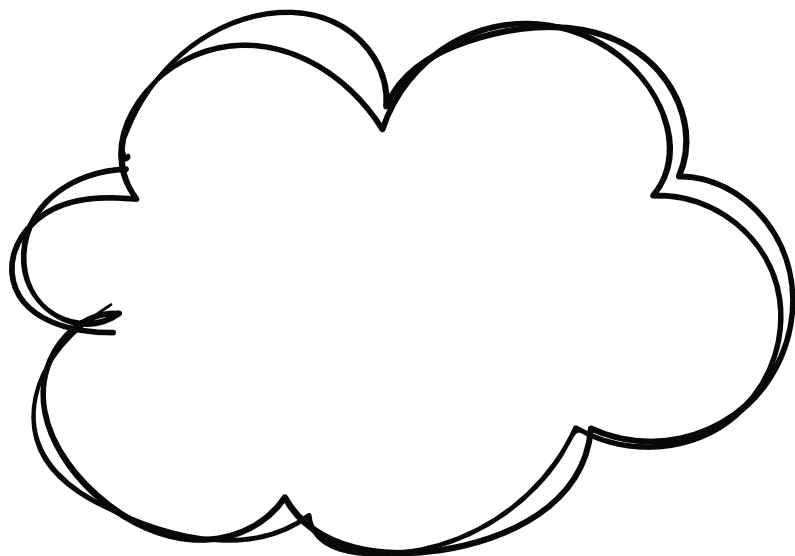
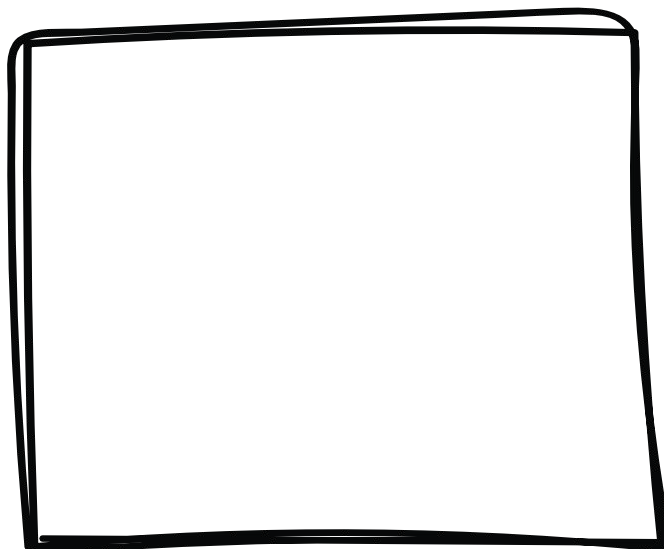
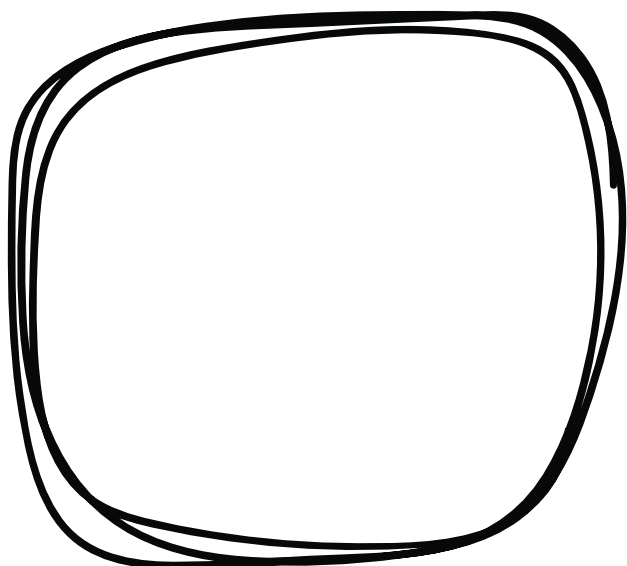
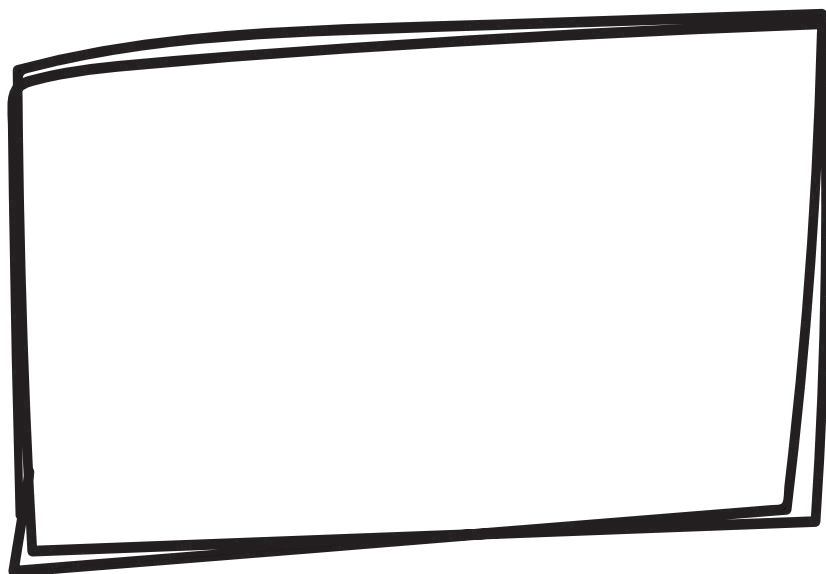
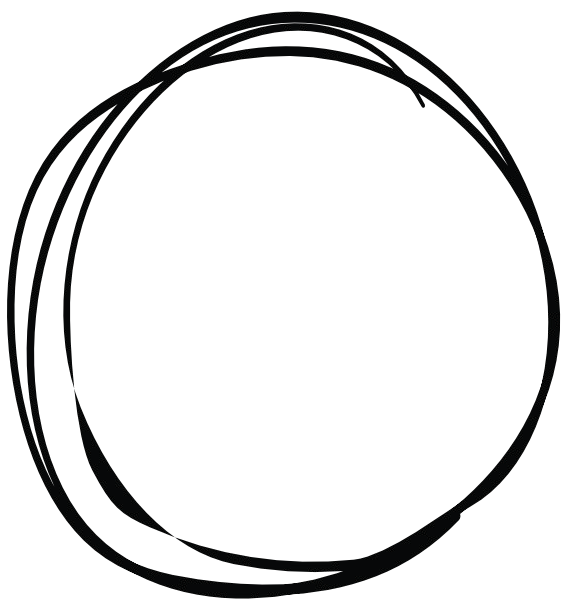


THADDAEUS



THOMAS

Before Jesus chose the twelve disciples, He spent the night in prayer.
What are some things you can pray about before deciding?



Games and Activities

Find 12 disciples

Hide the pictures of the 12 disciples in different places around your home or room.

Have your children to try to find all 12 as quickly as possible.



Copycat

Select one person to be the leader.

Everyone else should copy that person. If you have enough people, have one person to leave the room when choosing the leaders.

When they re-enter they should try to guess who everyone is copying.

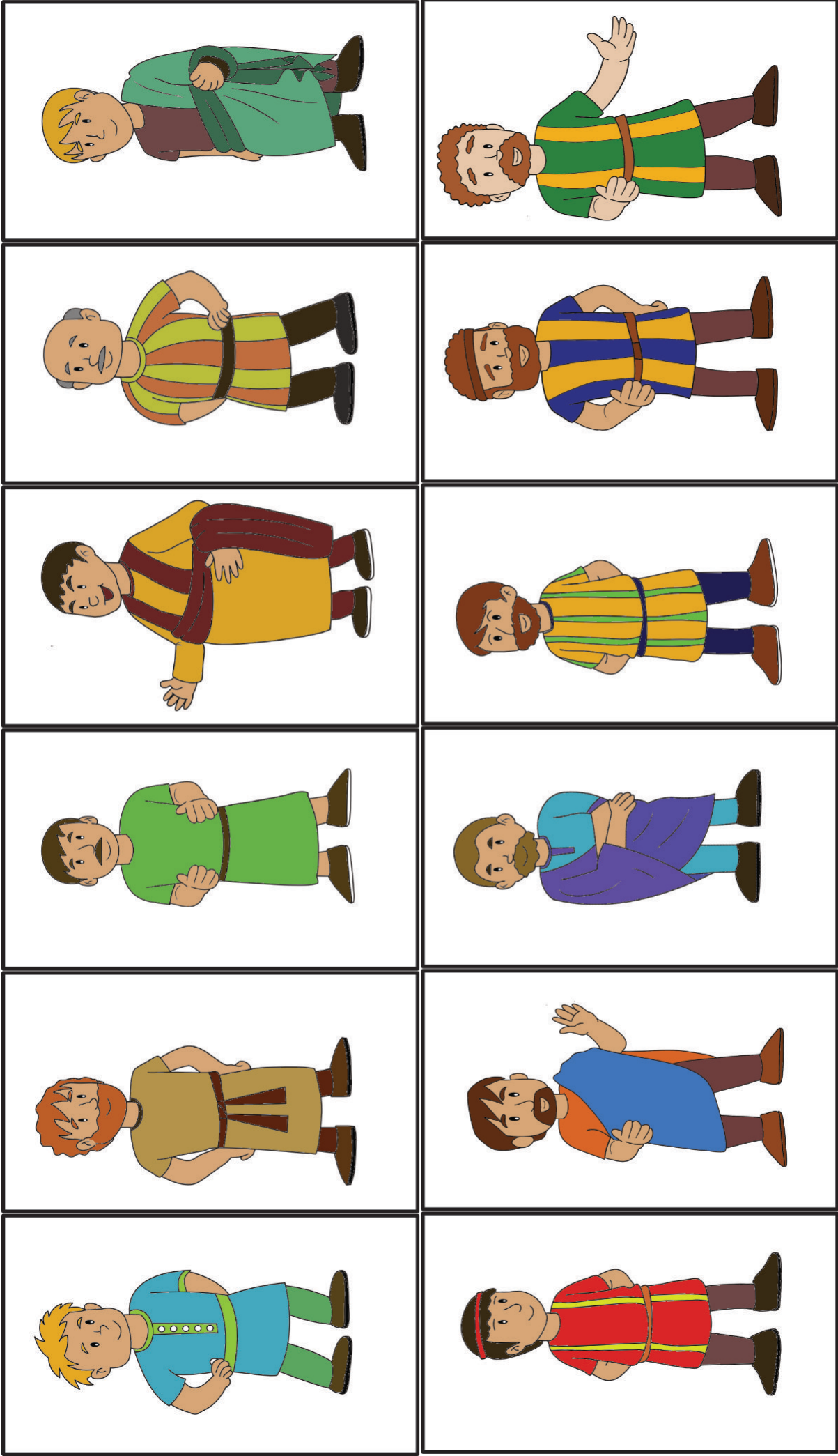
Speak about how a disciple is someone who tries to be like their teacher.

Team relay game

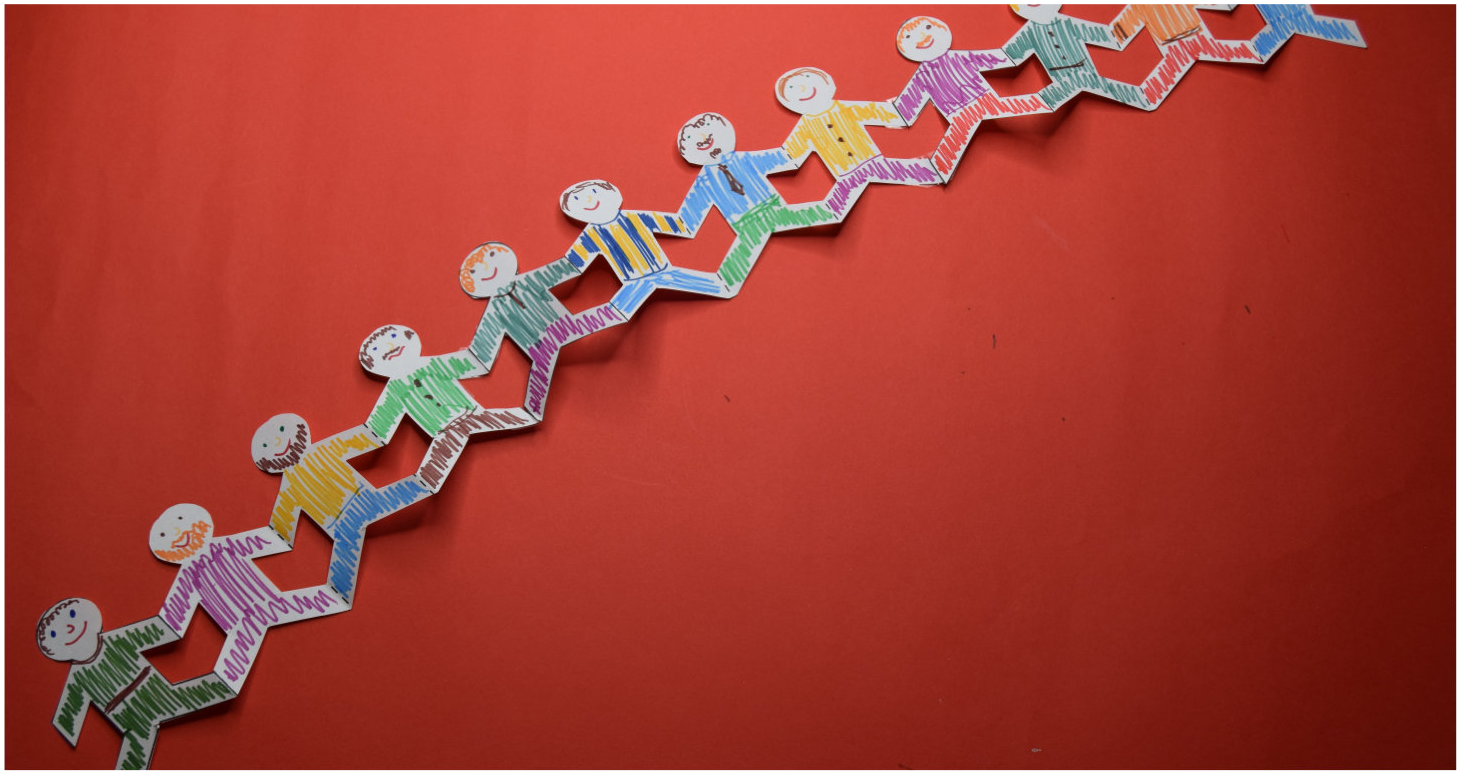
Set up a simple relay game to complete as a team. It could be something simple like passing a balloon over your head and running to the back or running to collect something from the other side of the room.

Speak about how Jesus wants us to be on His team and to work together to complete His mission.





Disciples Paper chain



What you need:

Template page (white card for best results)

Scissor

Colouring pencils or crayons,

Sticky tape.

What to do:



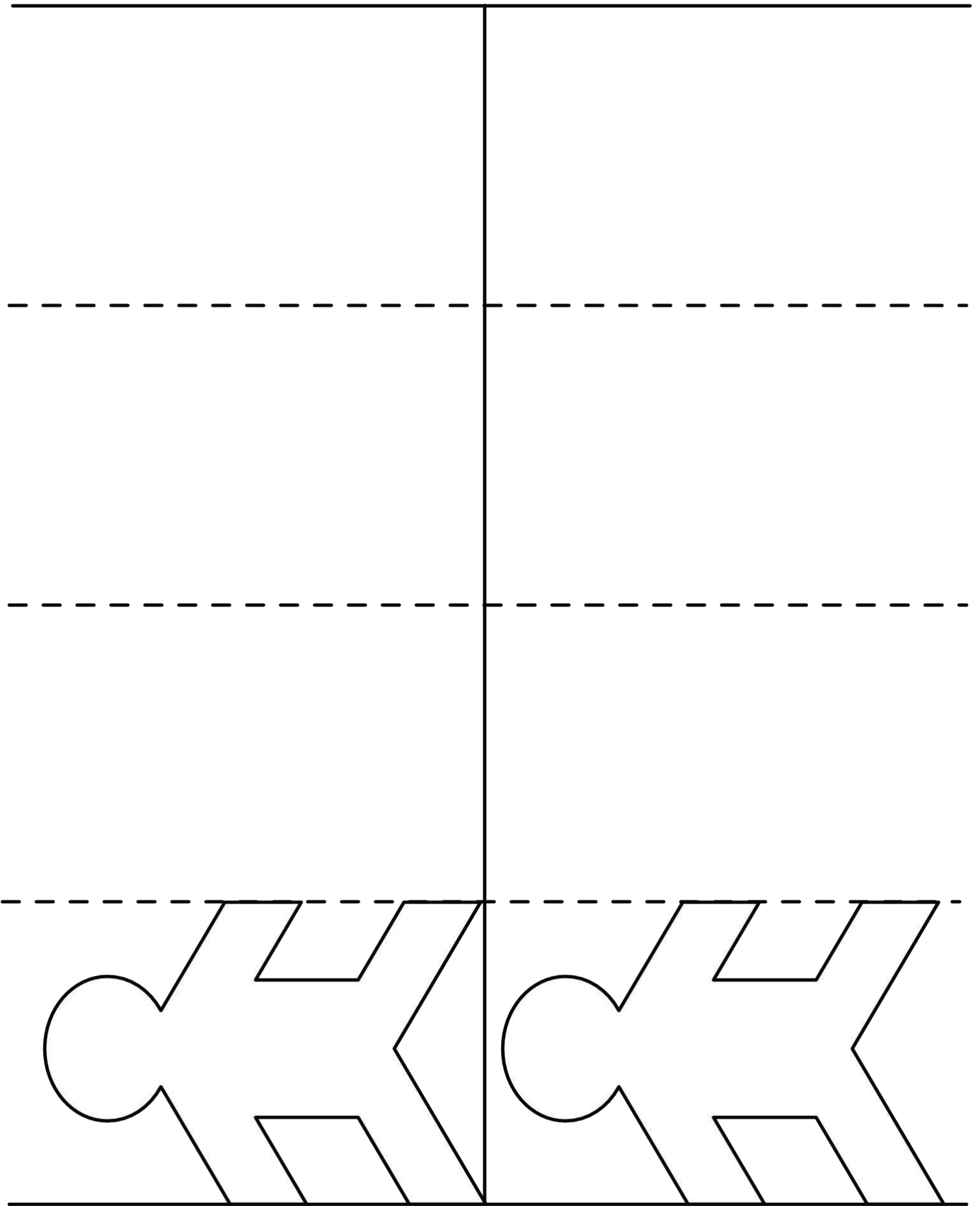
Fold template page on dotted lines and cut around the first person. Each cut will make 4 people joining hands.



Tape hands together of 3 sets to make 12 disciples.

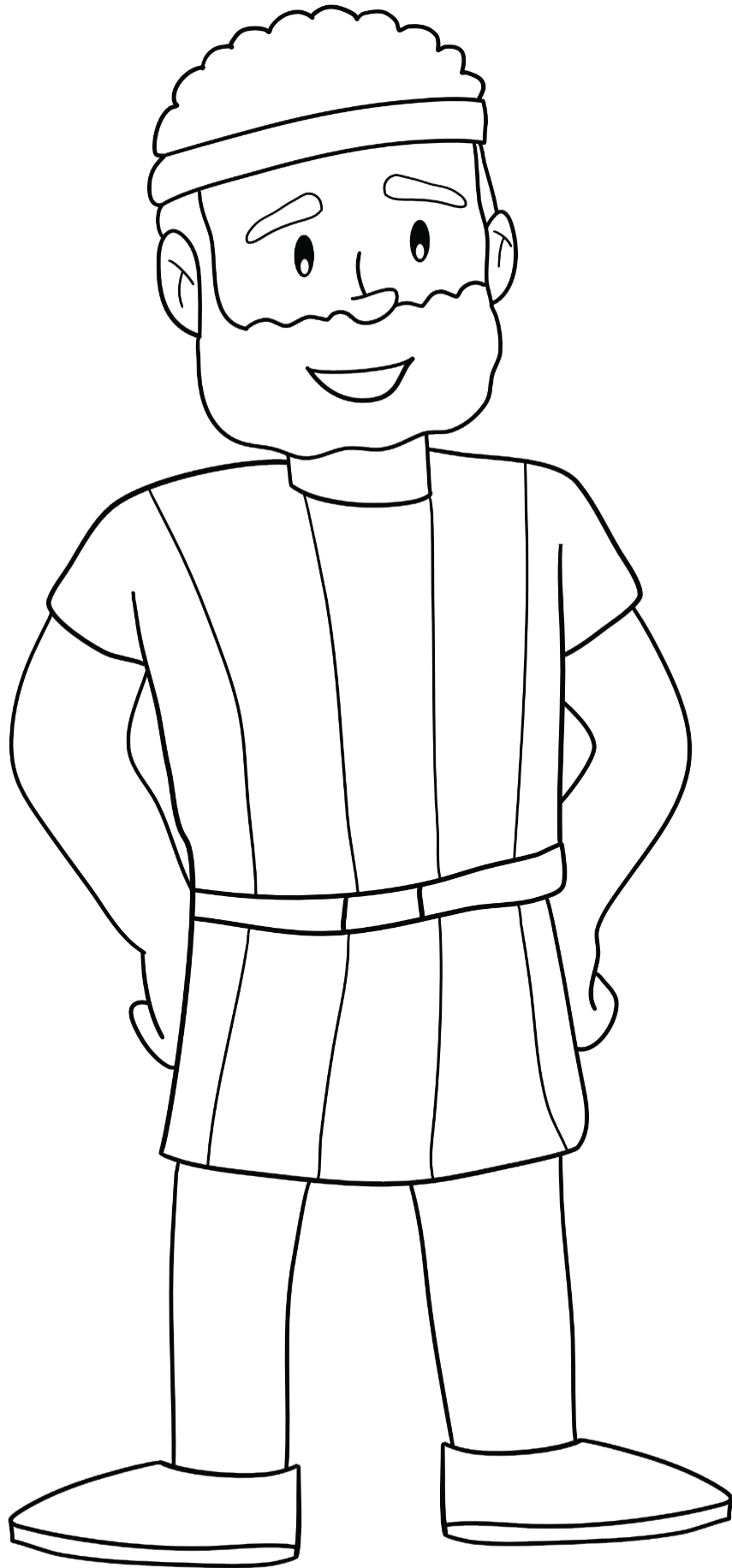


Colour and decorate the people. If desired, write the names of the disciple and numbers on the reverse.





Jesus



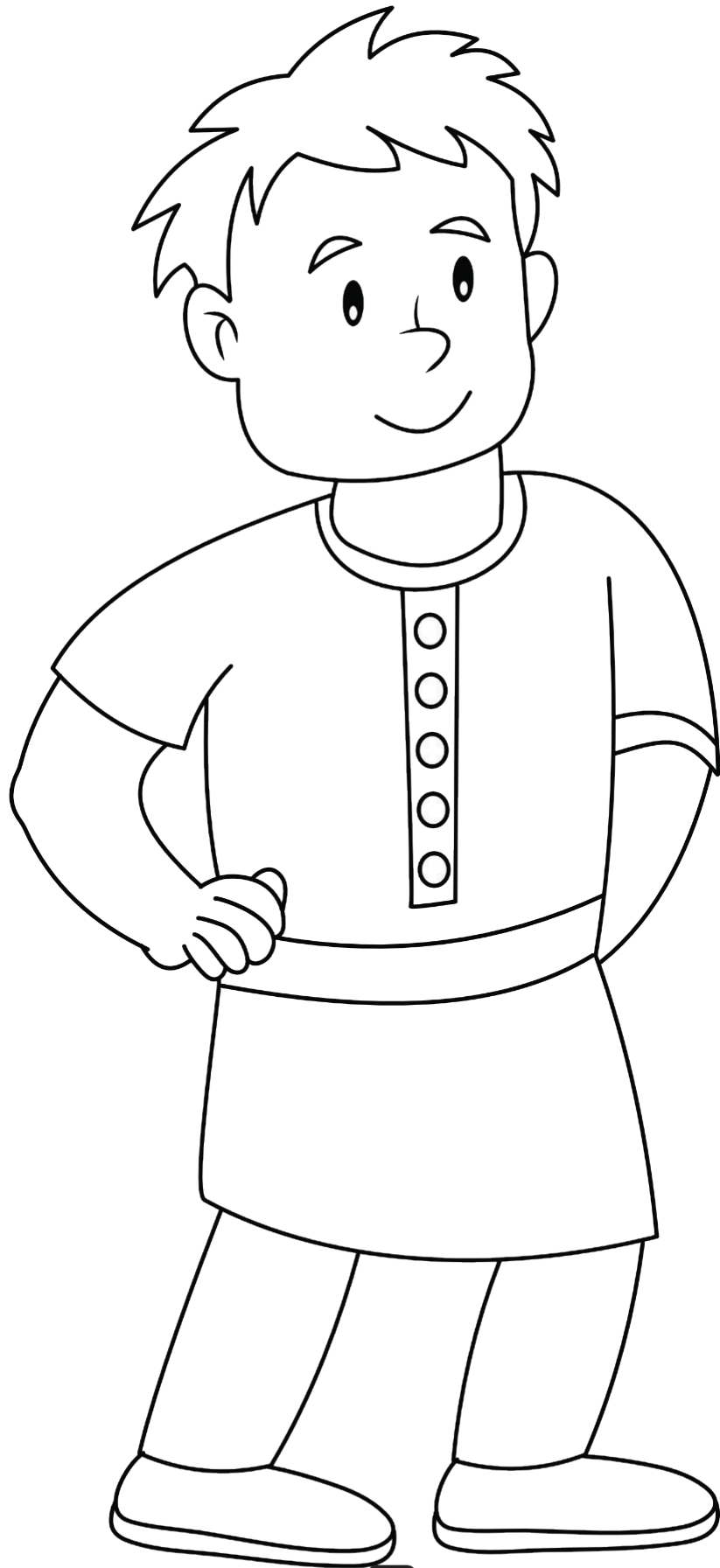
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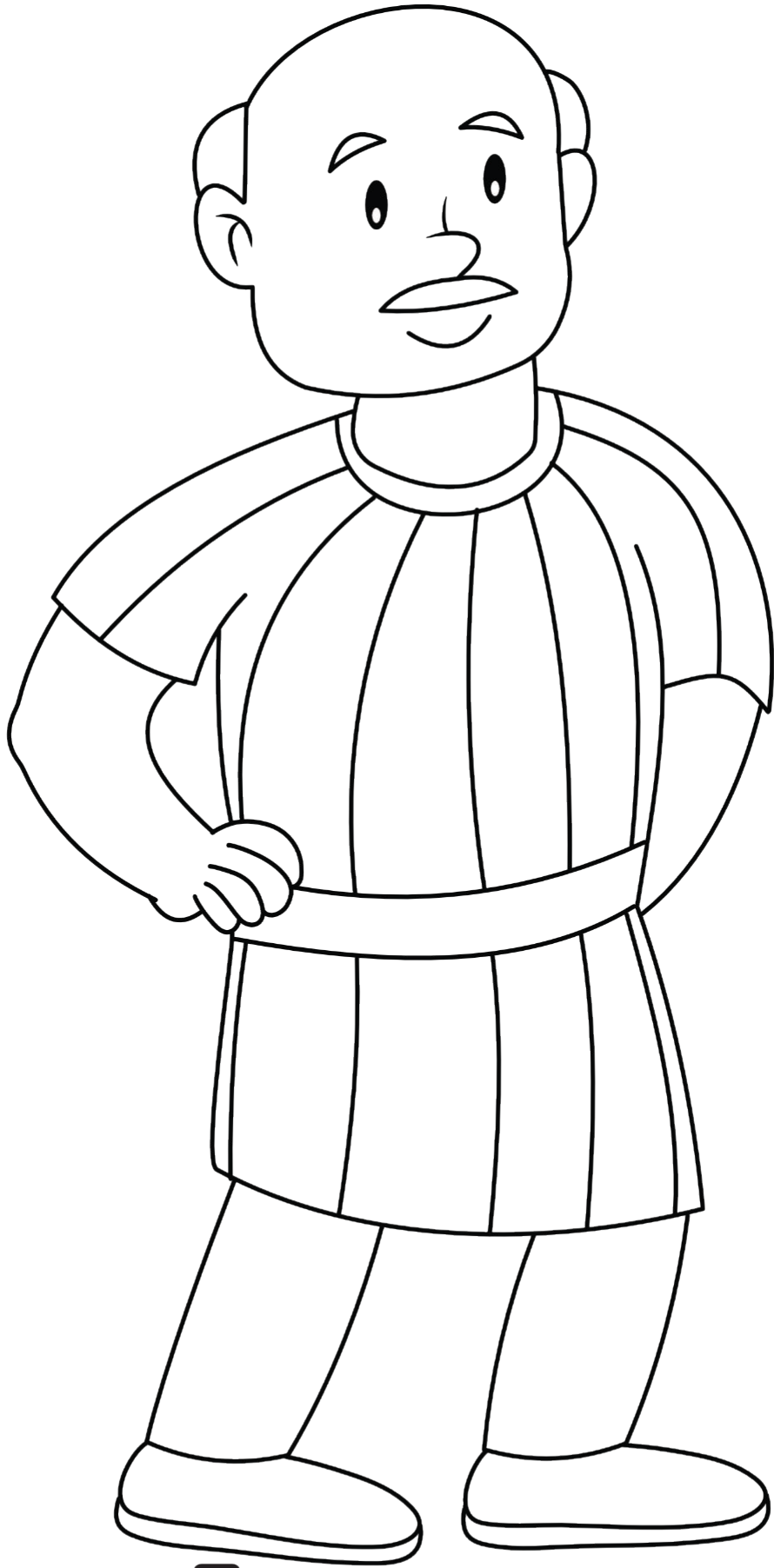
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Matthew



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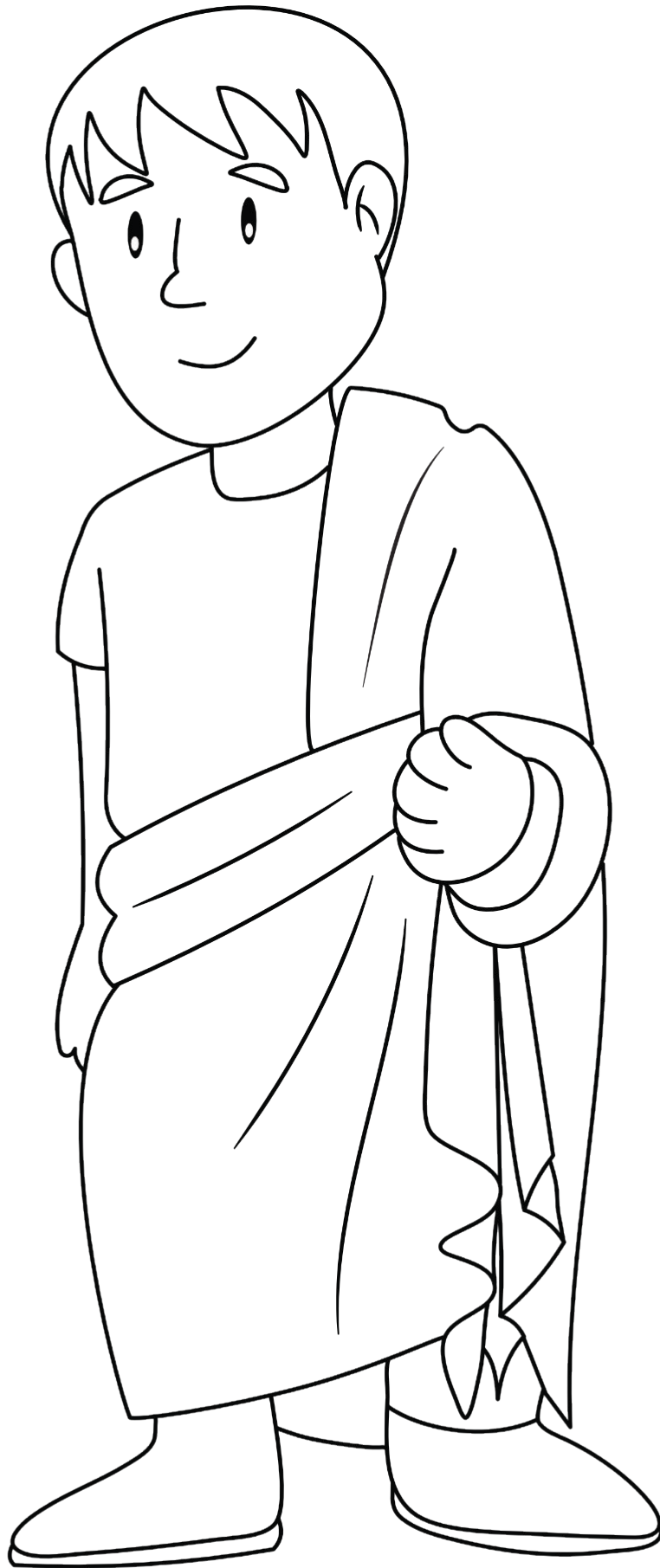
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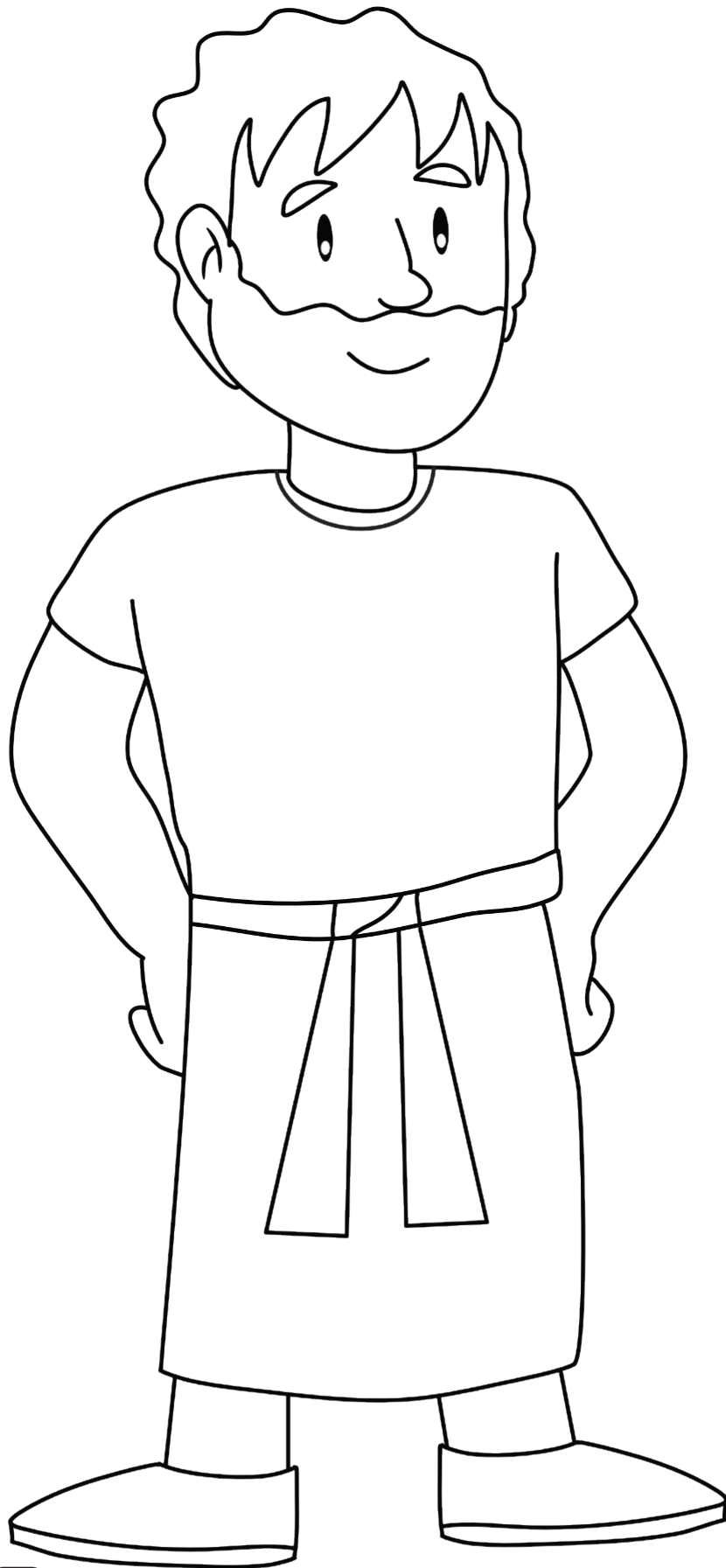
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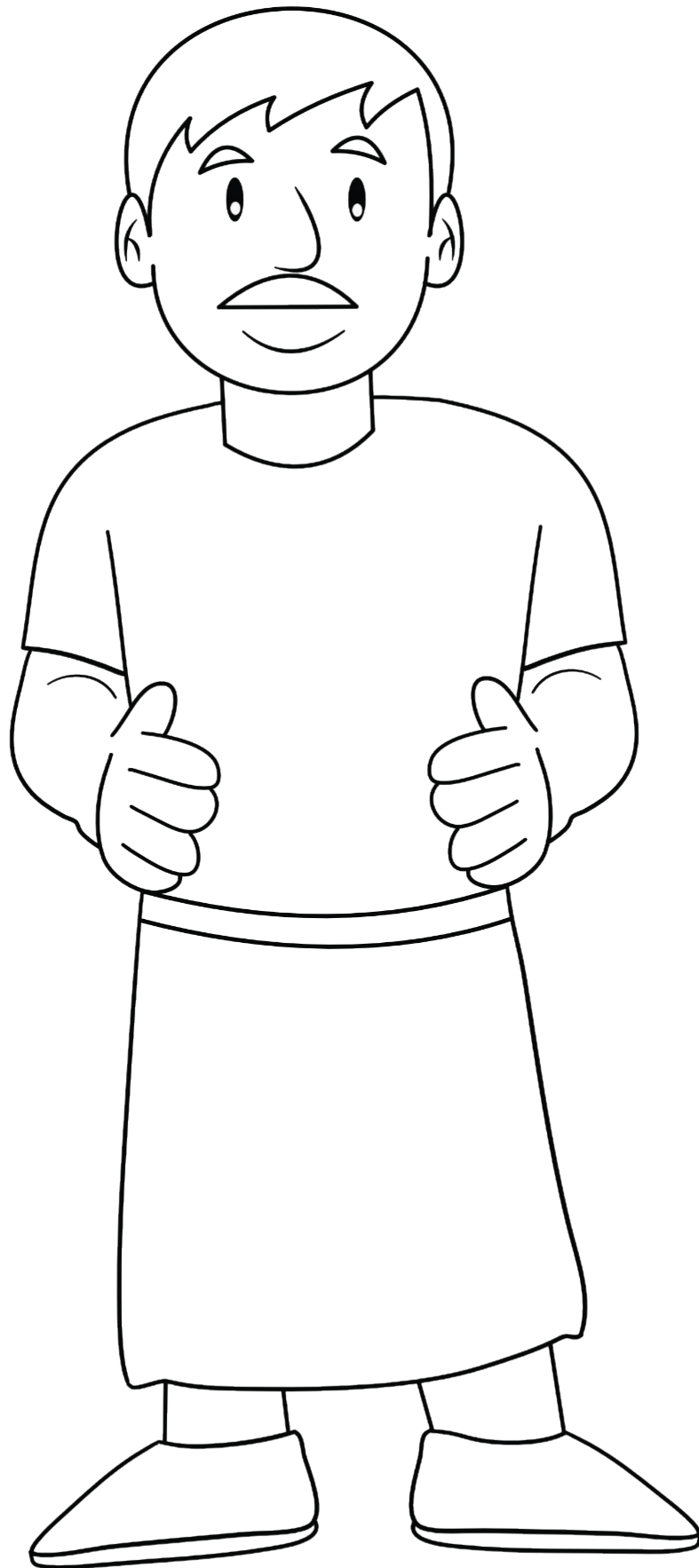
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Simon the Zealot



Thaddaeus



Judas Iscariot

Worship Time

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12 Disciples Song

<https://youtu.be/zfi3JRR1Nfc>

there were twelve disciples

<https://youtu.be/RiZq3zDI5D4>

Go and Make Disciples

<https://youtu.be/0UTLi2uIVGA>



Prayer Time

Thank God that He knows your name and cares for you.

Ask God to help you to work with others to share His message with others.

Next Week
Sermon on the Mount

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