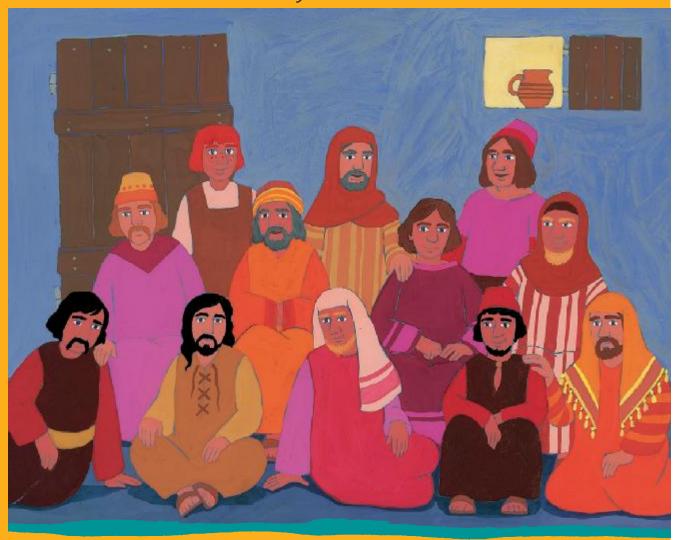
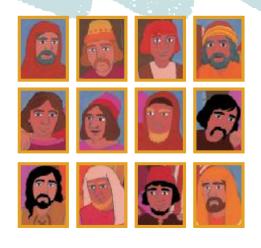
THE APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST



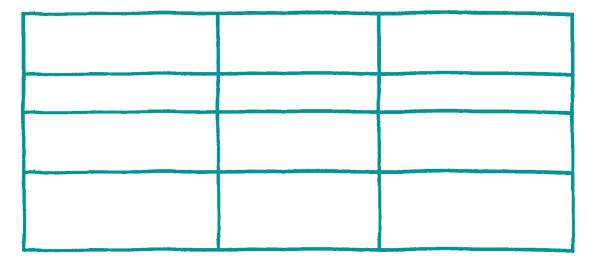
EXERCISE 1



Jesus Christ selected twelve of His disciples to be Apostles. You will find the names of these first twelve Apostles in the following Bible text from Luke 6:



- 12. Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.
- 13. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve, whom He also named Apostles:
- 14. Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;
- 15. Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot;
- 16. Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.
- 1. Compare the names in the Bible text to those written on the board. Cross out the incorrect names and add the missing ones!
- 2. Transfer the names into the following table:



In addition to the Apostles whom the Lord Himself called, the Bible also names the following Apostles: **Matthias,** who replaced Judas Iscariot, **Barnabas, Paul, Andronicus, Junias, Timothy, Silvanus,** referred to as Silas in Acts, and **James,** the Lord's brother.



EXERCISE 2



In the following Bible passages, underline the tasks and respnsibilities of an Apostle.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5: 20).

"For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth'" (Acts 13: 47).

"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (John 20: 23).

"Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Corinthians 4: 1).

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it" (1 Corinthians 3: 9–10).

This is a group photograph taken at a meeting of the District Apostles and their helpers in Berlin (Germany) in October 2014



At this time (October 2014) there were 347 active Apostles.

