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TODAY'S TOPIC:
UP, UP, AND AWAY!



After Jesus returned to Heaven, the apostles knew they had a job to do for Him. Jesus told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit. They obeyed His instructions and went to Jerusalem. They went into a room where they were staying and prayed constantly.

Instead of allowing the fear of abandonment overwhelm them Jesus' followers spent time praying and waiting for Jesus to send His Holy Spirit. Peter also spoke to the group and told them that when Judas betrayed Jesus, he did exactly what God's Word said he would. Peter said that they needed to select another apostle to replace Judas. This man was someone who had been with them the whole time Jesus ministered on the earth until the time He ascended. He needed to be someone who witnessed Jesus' resurrection. The apostles prayed and asked God which one He had chosen to replace Judas. The man chosen to replace Judas was Matthias.

Unscramble each of the clue words. Use the letters that appear in the circled spaces to answer the final question.

YERSPRA



SEPARI



EZITPAB



CSTOEPNTE



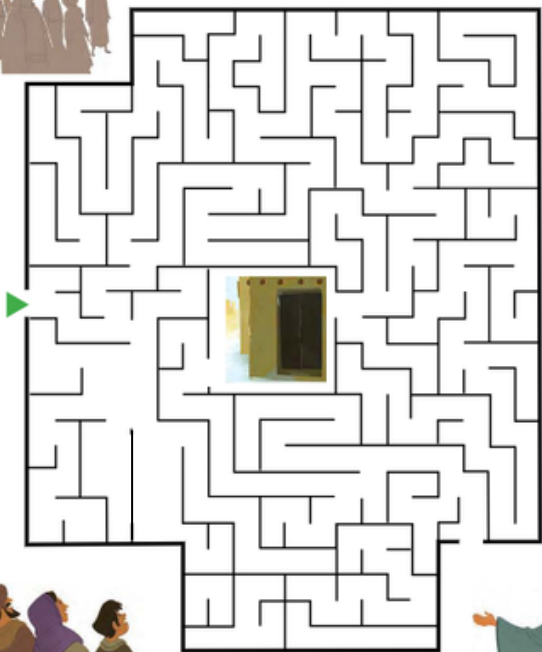
DIWN



RIISPT



What did Peter say believers should do? _____.



Word Search for Jesus Began the Church

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.



BAPTIZED
BELIEVERS
CHURCH
HOLY

JERUSALEM
LANGUAGES
PENTECOST
PETER

PRAYERS
REPENT
SPIRIT
WIND

It would have been easy for the apostles to sit around feeling sad that Jesus had returned to heaven. Instead they chose to obey Jesus' instructions and wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit. They didn't just waste time as they waited, they spent their time praying and waiting.

Spot the Differences in Jesus Began the Church

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 14 things that are different.



The apostles would miss having Jesus walk with them and being able to see His face. Very soon God would be sending the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit will always be with them and go wherever they go. The Holy Spirit would give them power to do the important job of sharing the Good News with other people.