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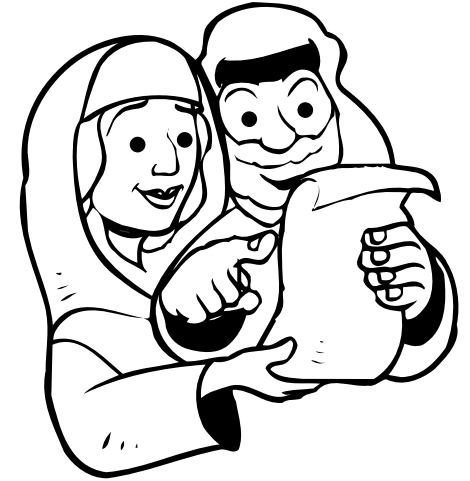
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Bible Story: We Love Church

Life Application: Church Is Fun

Craft: What Disciples Do

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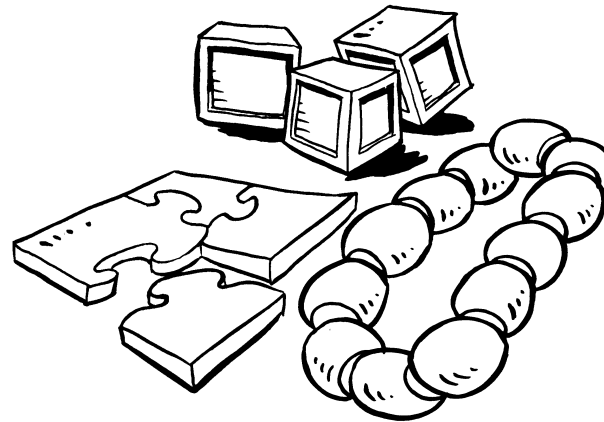
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### Instructions

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### Teacher Tips

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## We Love Church

The children will hear about the first-century church and what the first disciples did.

### Bible Story Text

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### Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- pictures from the Unit 15 Lesson 3, Bible Story

### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the story.

### What Disciples Do

*Who likes to come to church? Open the Bible. Today our Bible Story is about the first church and the first disciples. They loved to go to church too. Can you say disciple? The Bible says a disciple is a teenager or a grown-up who loves Jesus and who obeys the Bible and gets baptized. Explain to the children that you are a disciple of Jesus, that you love and obey God's word. These are pictures of the first disciples of Jesus.*

Hold up the picture of the disciples reading a scroll together. *What do you think these disciples are reading? Yes, it is a Bible scroll. It is God's word. The Bible says that the first disciples loved to read God's word. Do disciples today love to read and study the Bible? Yes, we do!*

Hold up the picture of the disciples praying together. *What are these disciples in the Bible doing? Right, they are praying. Who are they talking to? Yes, they are talking to God. The Bible says that the first disciples loved to pray. Do disciples today love to talk to God? Yes, we do!*

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*We do these things right here in Bible class don't we? We hear stories from the Bible, we pray and sing songs together, we have snack together, and we share our toys with each other.*

### Conclusion

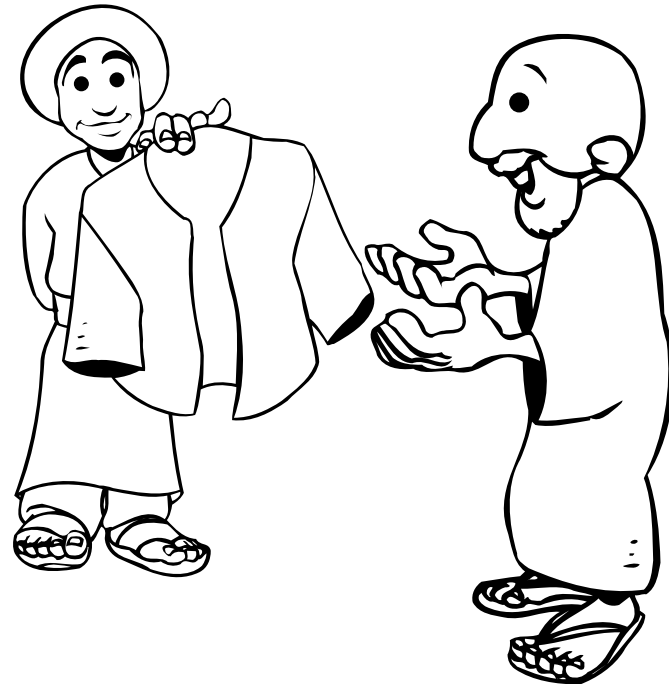
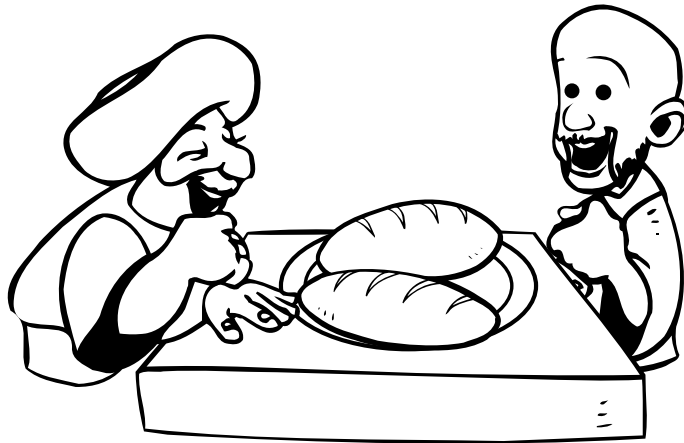
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## Church Is Fun

The children will participate in and role play different aspects of church.

### Bible Truth

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### Materials:

For each child:

- church invitations from the Unit 15 Lesson 3, Life Application
- steering wheels from the Unit 15 Lesson 3, Life Application
- small Bible or small book with no pictures that looks like a Bible

For the teacher:

- Bible

### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity.

### Instructions

Open the Bible. *What does the Bible call people who love and obey God? Right, they are called disciples! Does anyone know what it is called when all of the disciples get together? It is called "church." Can everyone say "church?" The Bible says that all of the disciples together are called the church. Today we are going to do the things that disciples do.*

*First, let's pretend it is Saturday, and tomorrow, on Sunday, we will go to church. Let's go outside to play, and let's invite a friend to church. Give each child an invitation, and help each child to invite someone to church. Mary, who do you want to invite to church? Your grandma! Great idea, let's invite her! Grandma, would you like to come to church with me tomorrow? You would! That is great! We will pick you up.*

*Now it is Sunday and we need to go and pick up our friends who want to come to church with us. Give each child a steering wheel. Walk around the center area "driving." Sing, "This Is the Way We Drive to Church" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet.*

*Here we are at church. Let's say, "hi" to each other and introduce our friends. Mary, is this your Grandma? It's so nice to meet you Grandma.*

*Let's sit down now. Have everyone sit down. Give a brief Welcome. It is great to have everyone here for church today! We are going to sing a song. Sing "If You're Happy and You Know It" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet.*

*Now let's pray. Dear God, thank you that everyone could come to church today. Help us to love you more every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*Now we are going to read our Bibles. Hand out the Bibles. Open your Bible and read along with me. "Love Jesus with all your heart." Can you say that with me? "Love Jesus with all your heart." That is what disciples do! That is what the church does! The church loves Jesus. Read with me, "Obey Jesus." Now let's say it together. "Obey Jesus." That's what disciples do. That's what the church does! The church obeys Jesus.*

### Bible Truth Activity

Open the Bible. *The Bible says, "Sing to the Lord." Let's say that together. "Sing to the Lord." Today, who can tell me what we did together when we were driving to church? Right, we sang! The Bible says, "Sing to the Lord." That is what disciples do! Disciples sing to the Lord!*

### Conclusion

*Let's talk to God now. Dear God, Thank you for Bible Class. Thank you for the church. Thank you for the Bible. Thank you for helping us to sing to you today. Help us to sing to you every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*Who are you going to tell about Bible class today? What are you going to tell them?*

# Sing to the Lord.



# Craft

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### What Disciples Do

The children will make textured pictures reminding them of different things that disciples do.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 piece of construction paper
- crayons
- glue stick

*For the teacher:*

- food magazines
- white paper
- fabric scraps
- tape
- scissors

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page A, 1 copy for each child

#### Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page A.
2. Prepare a piece of construction paper for each child as follows:
  - A. At the top of each page, write, "What disciples do."
  - B. Glue each picture onto a piece of construction paper.
3. Prepare a "scroll" for each child as follows:
  - A. Cut a 1" x 1/2" rectangle from the white paper pieces.
  - B. Roll each piece of white paper making a scroll.
4. Cut a 1" picture of food for each child from the magazines.
5. Cut a 1" piece of fabric for each child.
6. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

#### Instructions

1. Show the children your model. Talk with the children about each of the different things that the disciples are doing in the picture: reading the Bible (scroll); eating together; praying together; and sharing with each other. *These are some of the things that disciples do. It makes God very happy when we do these things, because it shows God that we love him.*
2. Give each child a picture to color.

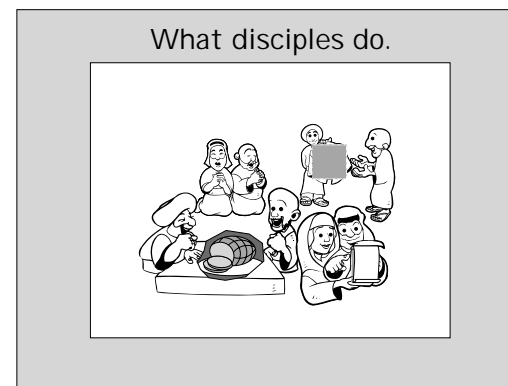
3. Help the children glue the following to their pictures:
  - A. Glue the "scroll" to the scroll in the picture.
  - B. Glue the picture of the food on the table.
  - C. Glue the piece of fabric to a piece of clothing.
4. Write the children's names on their pictures.

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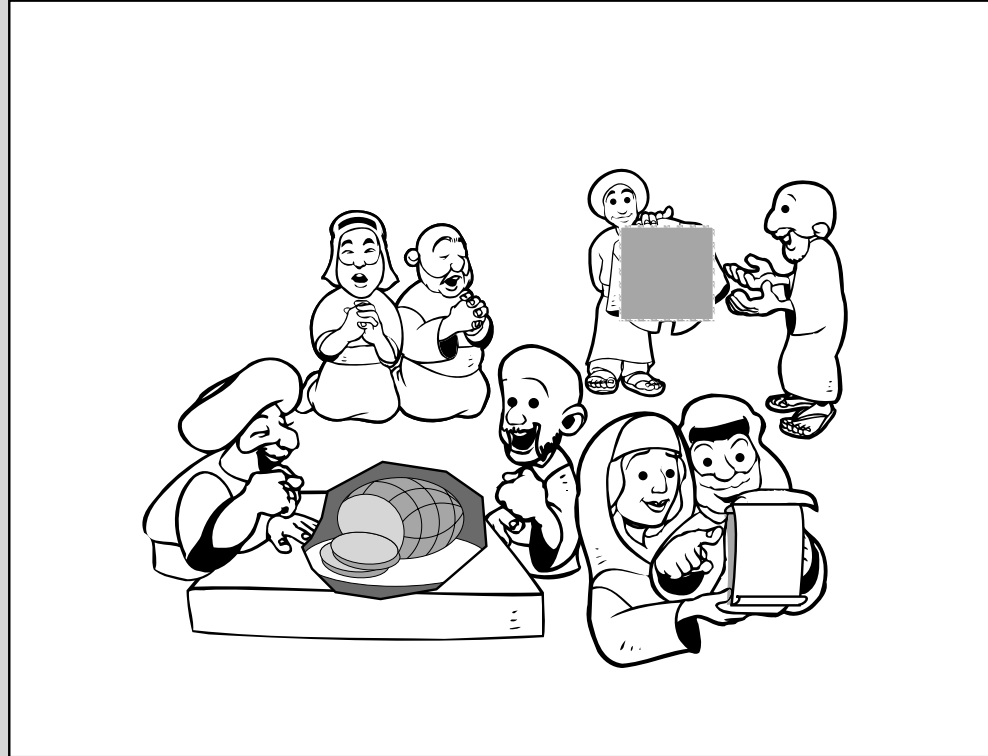
Talk with the children about what they do that might be similar to the things in the picture. *Do you read the Bible with your family? Do you pray with your family? Do you eat with your family or have others over for dinner? Do you share your toys with your brothers or sisters or friends?*

#### Teacher Tips

- Feel free to add any other textured items that may enhance the picture.
- Be careful to supervise the children with small items.



## What disciples do.



Finished Craft





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## We Love Bible Class

The children will sing action songs about going to and loving Bible Class.

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For the teacher:

- Bible
- flip chart from the Unit 15 Lesson 3, Life Application
- toy vehicles, or pictures of vehicles
- toy bus or a picture of a bus

### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the finger play, "I Looked for Susie" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet, using the flip chart.

### Instructions

1. Open the Bible. *The Bible says, "Sing to the Lord." Today we are going to sing to the Lord about Bible Class. Who loves to come to Bible Class?*
2. Using the vehicles that you brought, ask the children how they came to Bible class. *Alexis, how did you come to Bible class today? Did you come in an airplane?*
3. Sing, "Did You Come to Bible Class?" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet. End with whatever vehicle most children probably came in, such as a car. Cheer after the song is finished. *I am glad you came to Bible class today!*
4. Show the children the bus. *Now, we are going to sing about coming to Bible class on a bus. Sing "The Wheels on the Bus." Here we are at Bible class! Oh no, our friend Susie is not here! Would you please help me to find her?*
5. Recite the finger play, "I Looked for Susie" from the Unit 15 Song Sheet, using the flip chart.
6. If time allows, repeat the finger play.

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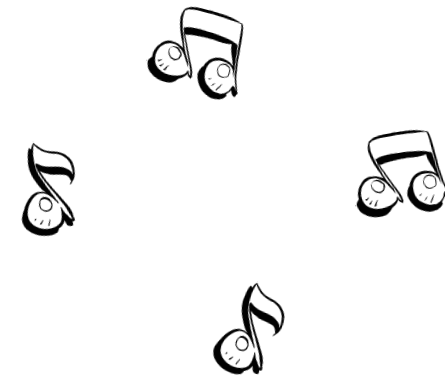
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*Let's talk to God now, and thank him for our Bible class. Dear God, Thank you for letting us come to Bible class today. Help us to love Bible class. Help us to always love and obey the Bible.*

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- As you sing, use a lot of expression and exaggerated movements to hold the children's attention.



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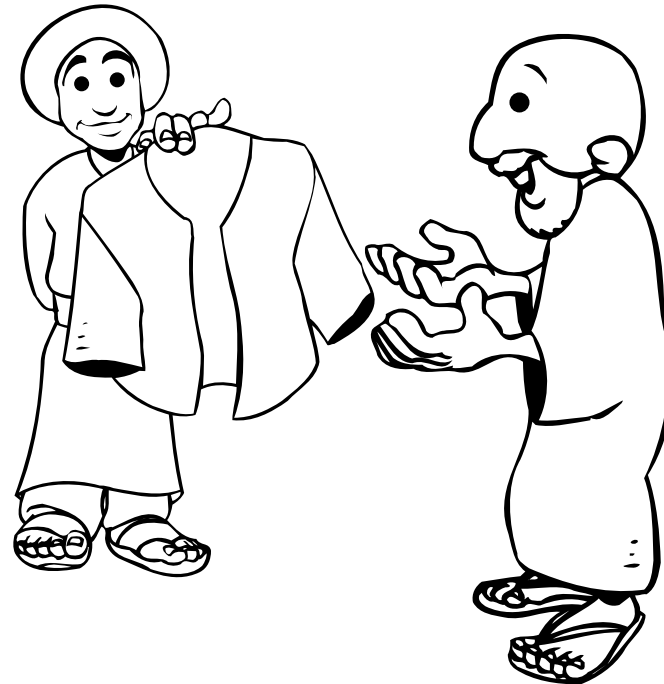
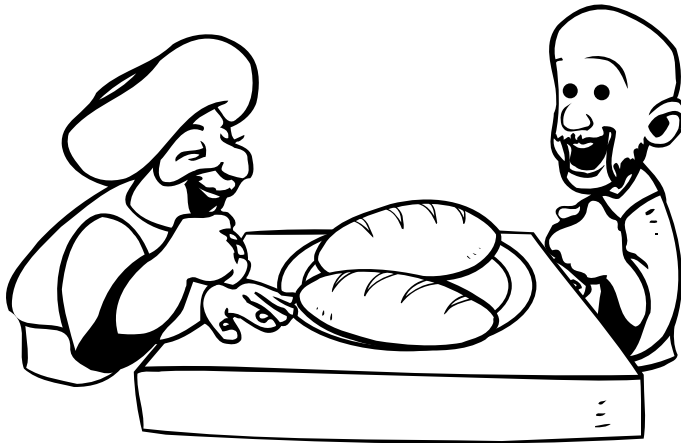
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## You're Invited!

The children will make church invitations that they can give to their friends.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- glue stick
- crayons
- stickers

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- bright-colored construction paper

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page B, 1 copy for every 2 children

### Preparation

1. Cut out the invitations from the copies of Reproducible Page B.
2. Cut the construction paper into 4½" x 6" pieces. Cut one piece for each child.
4. Fill in the information on each invitation for your next church service.
5. Make a model of the invitation following the instructions.

### Instructions

1. Show the children the model and read the words to them. *Who would you like to invite to church? Today you are going to make an invitation, so you can invite someone special to come to church with you!*
2. Give each child an invitation and a precut piece of construction paper. Have the children glue the invitation onto the construction paper.
3. Have the children color and decorate their invitation with stickers.

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### Conclusion

Read the information on the invitations to the children again. Ask them who they will give the invitation to, and then invite to church.

Demonstrate to the children how you might invite someone to church. Have the children practice inviting each other.

If time remains, sing a song from the Unit 15 Song Sheet.

### Teacher Tips

- A quick way to cut the construction paper without measuring is to fold the paper twice making four rectangles, then cut out each rectangle along the folds.
- Another time saver is to stack the paper and cut a few sheets of paper at once.



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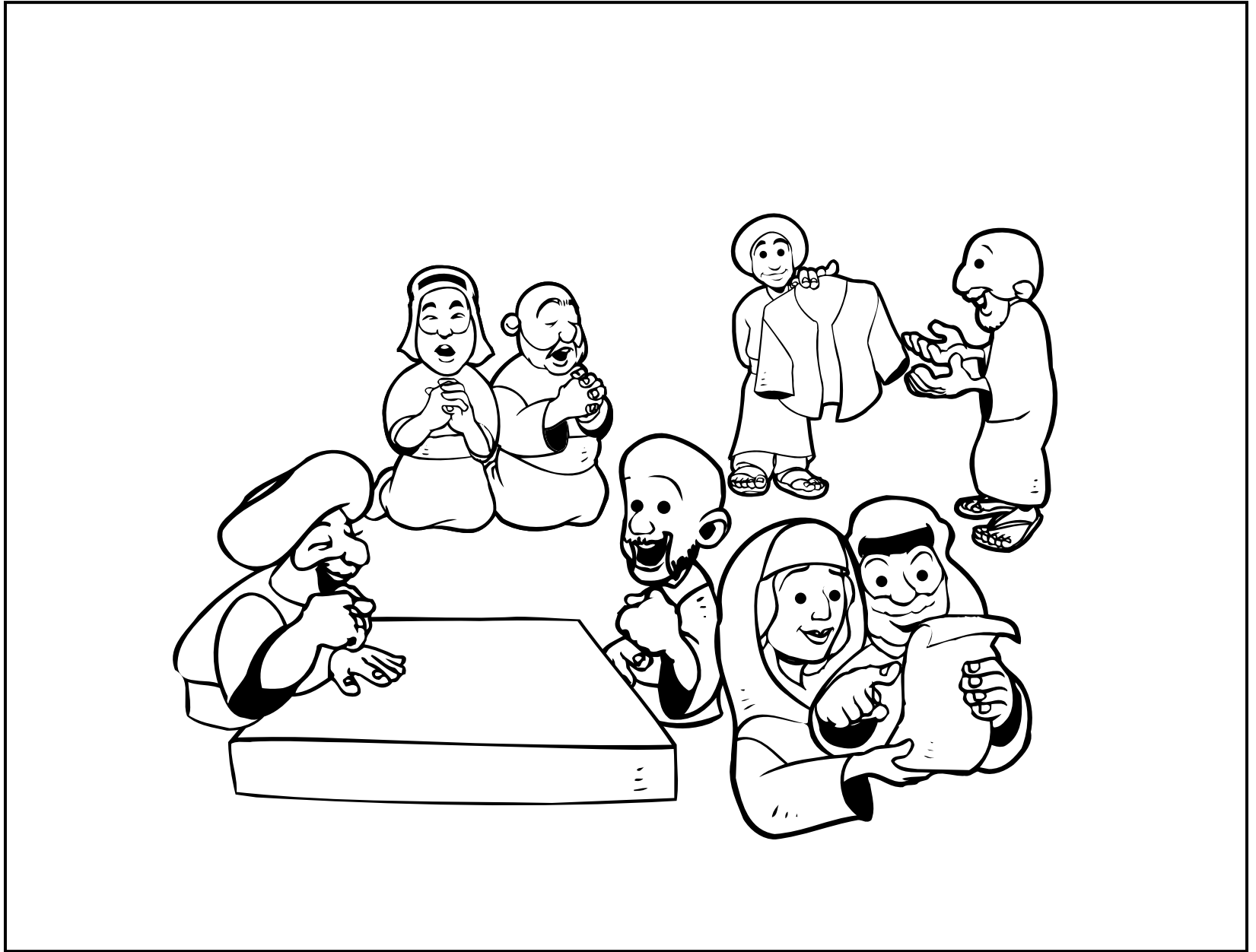


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