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About a hundred and twenty believers met and Peter stood up to speak. "Friends," he said, "Judas had been chosen to have a part in our work but became the guide for those who arrested Jesus and has now died. So, someone must join us as a witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. He must be one of those who were with us for the whole time that Jesus travelled with us." Joseph and Matthias were proposed. Then they all prayed, "Lord, you know all our thoughts, so show us which of these two you have chosen to serve as an apostle in the place of Judas. Then they drew lots, and the one chosen was Matthias, who was added to the group of eleven apostles."

God our guide,

Thank you for all the things that  
you have given us and for the  
great range of choices that you  
give us.

Help us to learn from the  
disciples so that when we make  
choices we too will pray and  
make you part of our choices.

Amen

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Think about:

How do we make choices?

Are there better and worse ways to  
make choices?

'Drawing lots' is like choosing a  
short straw or picking a card. Do you  
think that this was a good way of  
choosing a replacement for Judas  
the missing apostle?

Let's wonder for a moment:

How would you have felt if you  
had been Matthias?

How would you have felt if you  
had been Joseph?