

Art Extra - Matthias the Apostle

Scripture Reference: Acts 1:15–17,21–26

Count Me In!

Kids make bracelets with twelve beads as they remember that talking to God can help us.

Supplies:

- Nylon string or yarn
- Multicolored beads
- Small bowls
- Scissors

Set Up:

Pour beads into small bowls. Place a few bowls around the workspace.

Instructions:

Matthias was the new apostle who joined the twelve after Jesus died. What's really neat about this story is that the apostles invited someone new to spread Jesus' message with them. The disciples weren't sure who they should pick to be the next disciple so they talked to God about it—that means they prayed! And after they prayed, God helped them pick Matthias. With Matthias, there were twelve of them again and they were very glad. Let's make some twelve-beaded bracelets to help us remember this story.

1. Pass out one length of nylon string or yarn to each kid.
2. Help kids count out twelve beads of any color they choose, then help them add their beads to the yarn.
3. When kids have strung all twelve beads, help them tie a knot on either side of the twelve beads to hold them in place.
4. To finish, tie the bracelet around each kid's wrist, then cut off the excess string or yarn.

Your bracelets are awesome! I hope you'll wear them all the time and remember that talking to God can help us—just like it helped the disciples.

If you have less time...

Separate the beads into color groups before kids arrive to save them time in sorting through beads.

If you have more time...

Invite kids to name one thing they can talk to God about as they slide each bead onto their string.