

Have you ever done
something that you didn't like?

At dinner, the Last Supper, Jesus did
something that shocked his friends.
Can you guess what he did?

This Bible story teaches
learners how to grow in love,
justice and peace in their
relationships with others.



The Bible Story of Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

New Testament
John 13: 1-15



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Answers

1. During Jesus' lifetime everyone wore sandals. The roads and footpaths were not like today; they were dusty and dirty.
2. Jesus wanted to show his disciples how to be a servant and serve others. He wanted to demonstrate that no one was better than anyone else.
3. Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist, filled a basin of water and washed their feet.
4. Peter refused to let Jesus wash his feet.
5. Learners' own responses.
6. Serving others teaches you to place the interests of others before your own.
7. You can donate money to charities, feed the poor, volunteer for good causes, etc.
8. Catholic Christians remember this event on Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday.



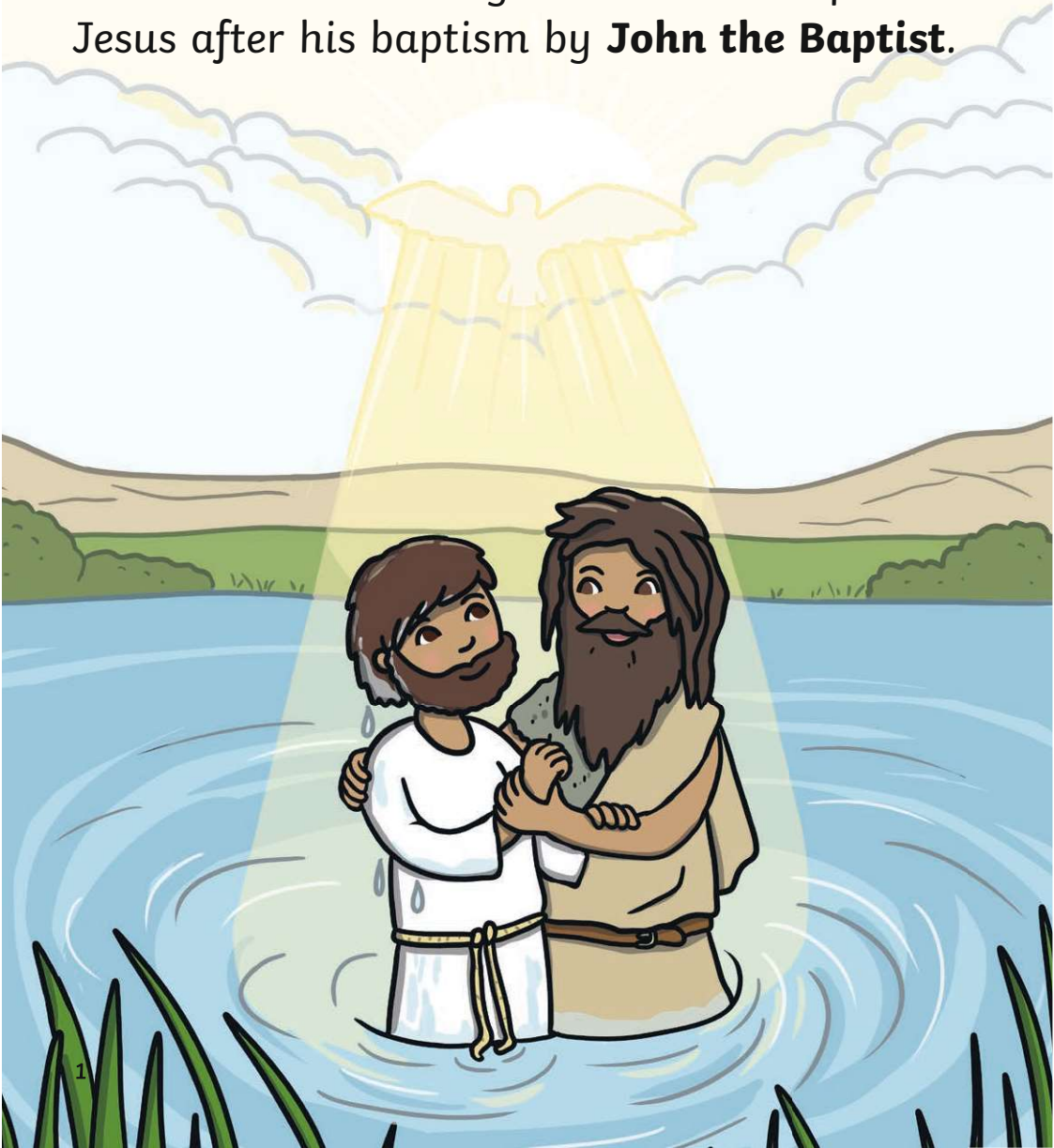
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The Bible Story of Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

As you know, Jesus is the **Son of God**. This was made clear to you when God spoke to Jesus after his baptism by **John the Baptist**.



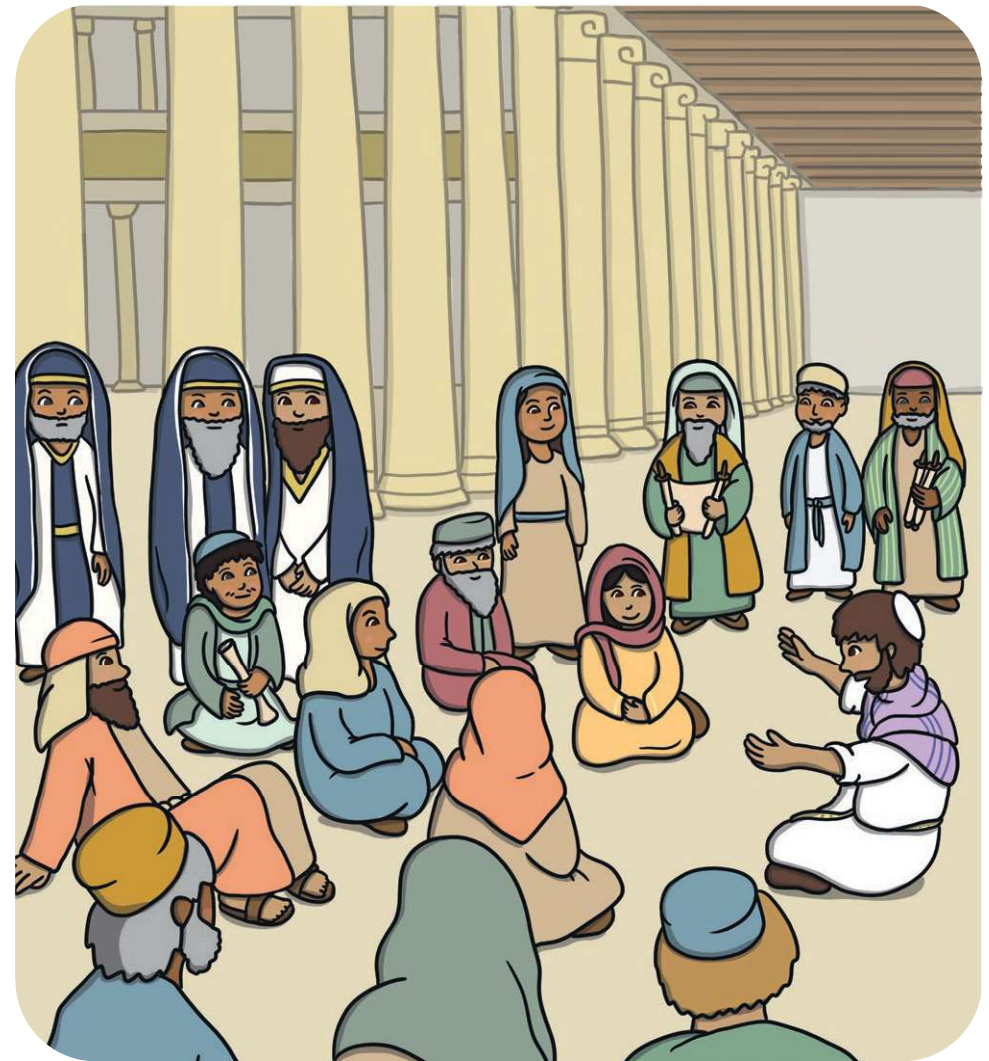
How well do you
remember the story?



- 4 Who refused to allow Jesus to wash his feet?
- 5 Would you let someone wash your feet?
- 6 Why is it important to serve others?
- 7 How could you serve others at home, church and school?
- 8 When do Catholic Christians remember this event?

Quiz

- 1 Why did people need to get their feet cleaned during the time of Jesus?
- 2 Why did Jesus wash the disciple's feet?
- 3 How did Jesus wash their feet?



When Jesus was on Earth spreading the **Good News**, teaching people about his father, he performed many **miracles**.



He cured the sick.

Miracles

A miracle is an incredible event that goes against the laws of nature. Some Catholic Christians believe a miracle to be an act brought by the power of God. A miracle can affect one person, bringing them back to life or healing them. It could also be a change to the natural world, such as calming the seas.

Passover

This is a Jewish celebration remembering the freedom of thousands of enslaved people in ancient Egypt.

Rabbi

A Jewish religious leader, who studies and teaches Jewish law.

Humble

A person who is modest.

Parishioners Members of a local community church.

Pope

The Pope is the head of the Roman Catholic Church. He is also the Bishop of Rome and lives in the Vatican City.

Maundy Thursday

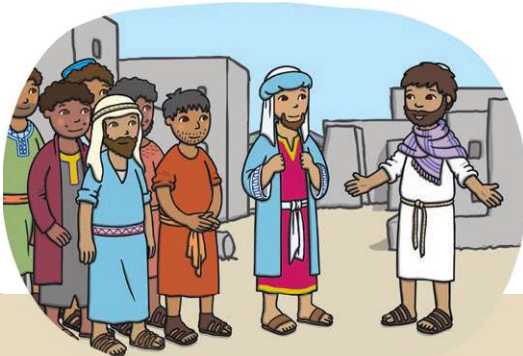
This is also known as Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Last Supper and is the Thursday before Easter Sunday.

Glossary

Son of God In Christianity, the title refers to the status of Jesus as the divine son of God the Father.

John the Baptist He was a relation to Jesus who was believed to be a prophet by Christians, Islam and Mandaeans. He was a priest who baptised people, preparing them for the coming of Christ.

Good News The term 'Good News' refers to the message of the coming of Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah. The Catholic Christian Bible is known as the 'Good News Bible'. It contains the scriptures, gospels and acts of the apostles that teach people about the ministry of Jesus.



Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law.

He walked on water...

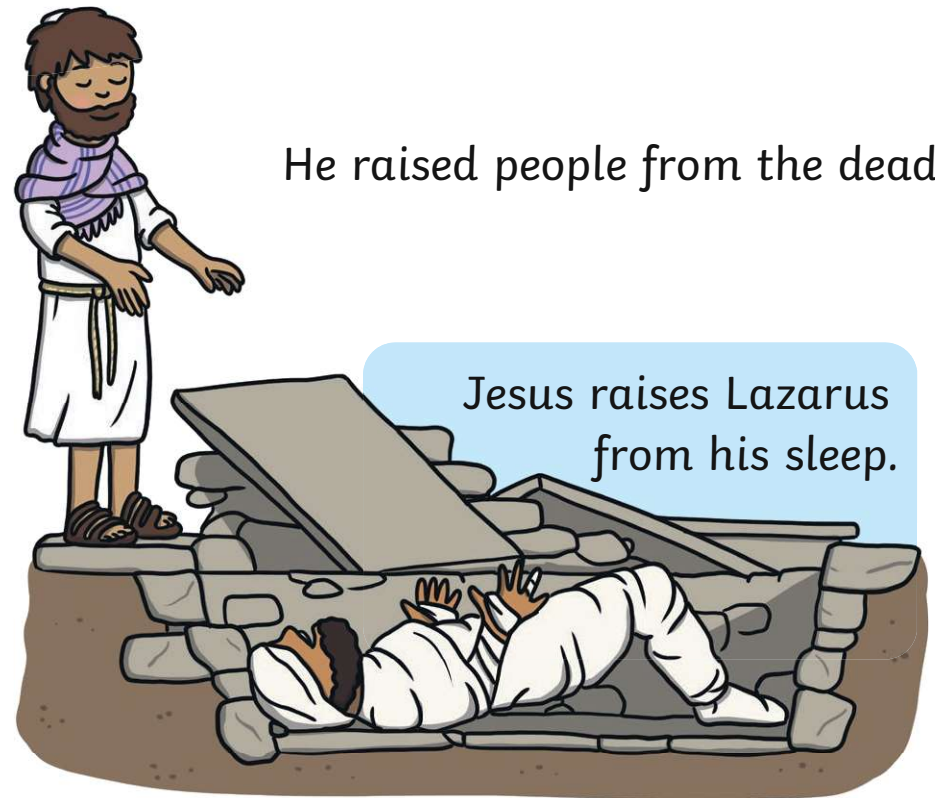


...and calmed the seas.



On **Maundy Thursday** or Holy Thursday, the priest will wash the feet of some **parishioners** during Mass.





He raised people from the dead.

Jesus raises Lazarus
from his sleep.

Bartholomew

Simon
The
Canaanite

James
Son of Alphaeus

Philip

Thaddeus
Also known as
Judas the Zealot

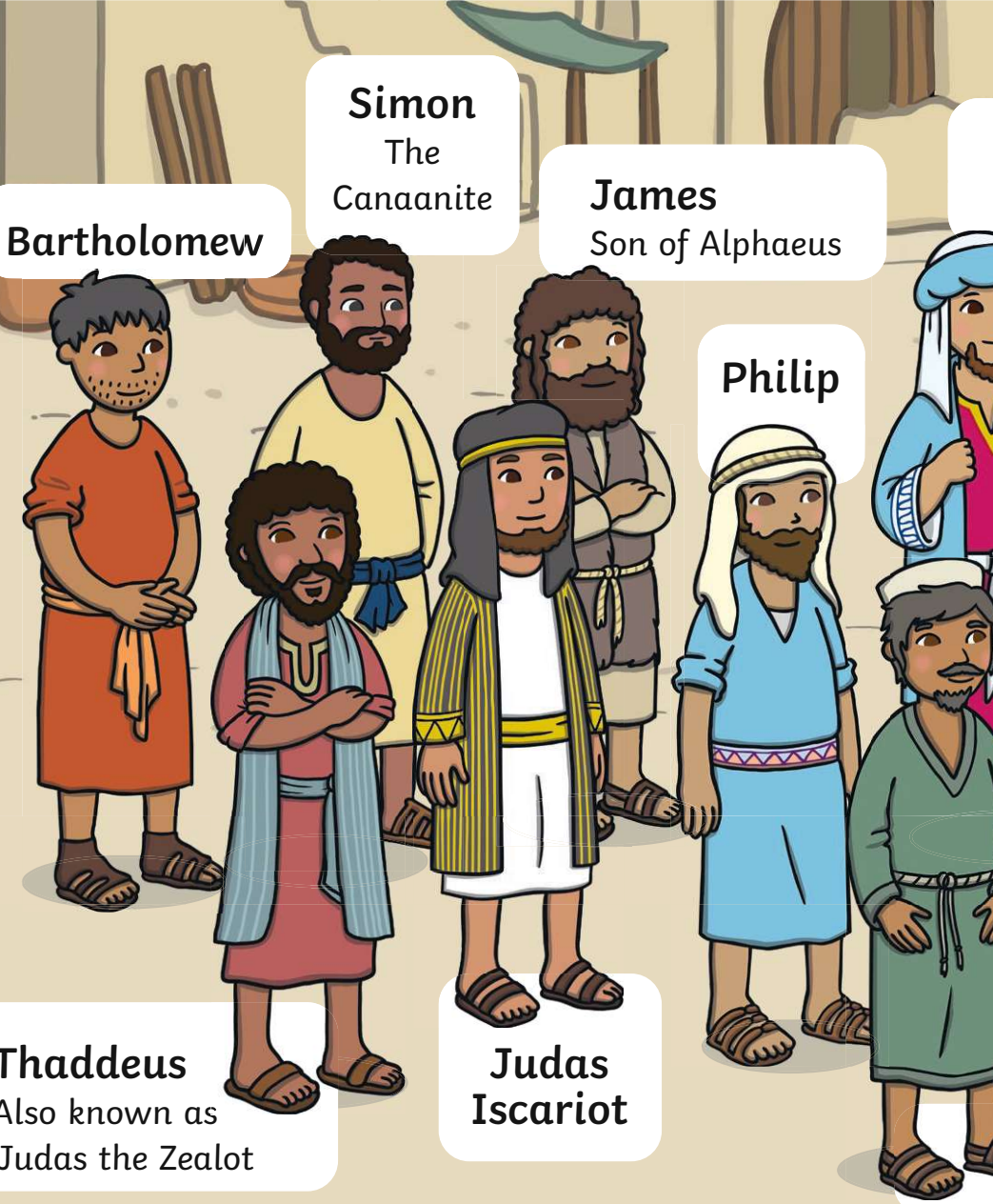
Judas
Iscaiot

Jesus had twelve special friends to help him with his ministry. These men are called the twelve disciples or apostles.

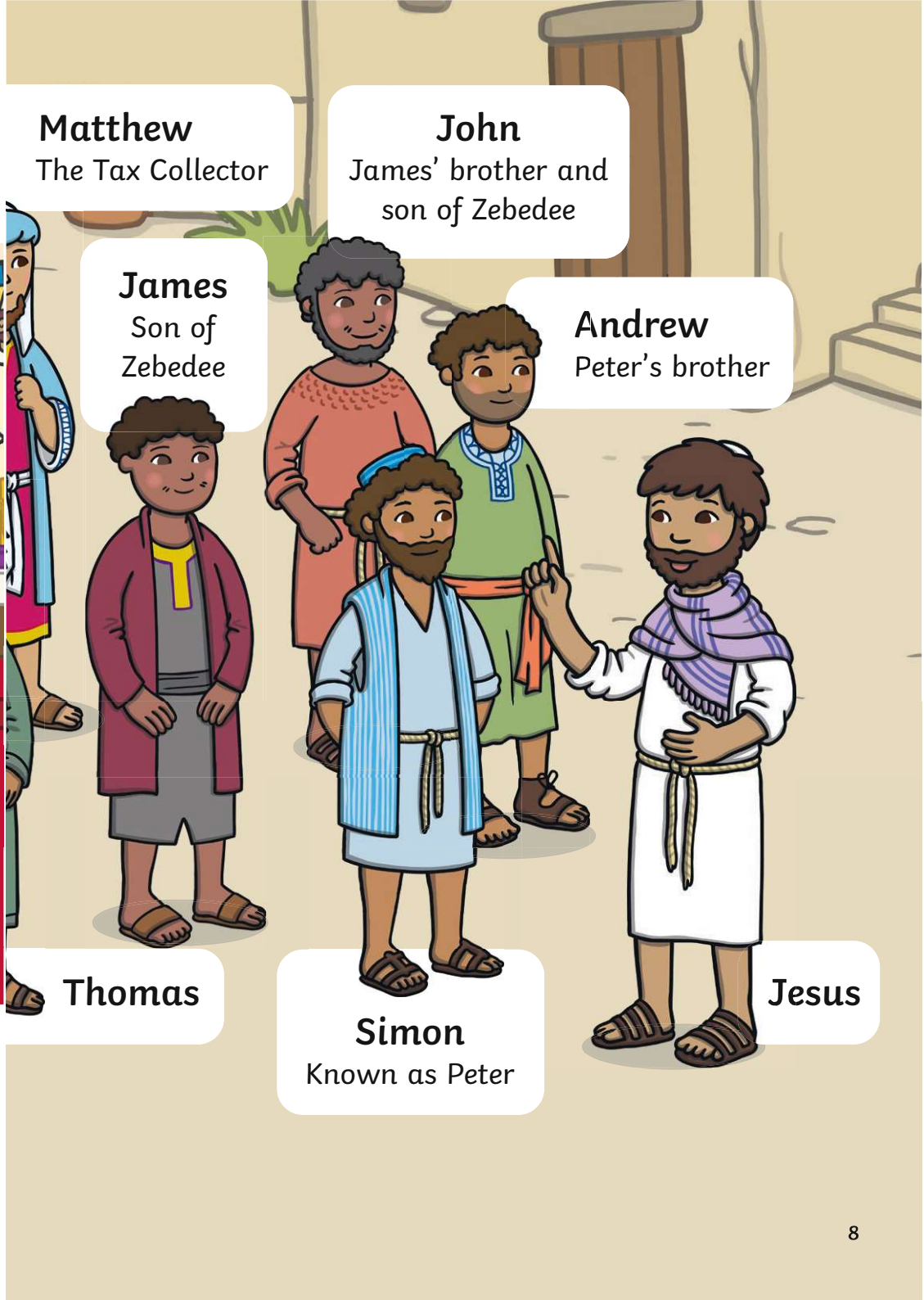
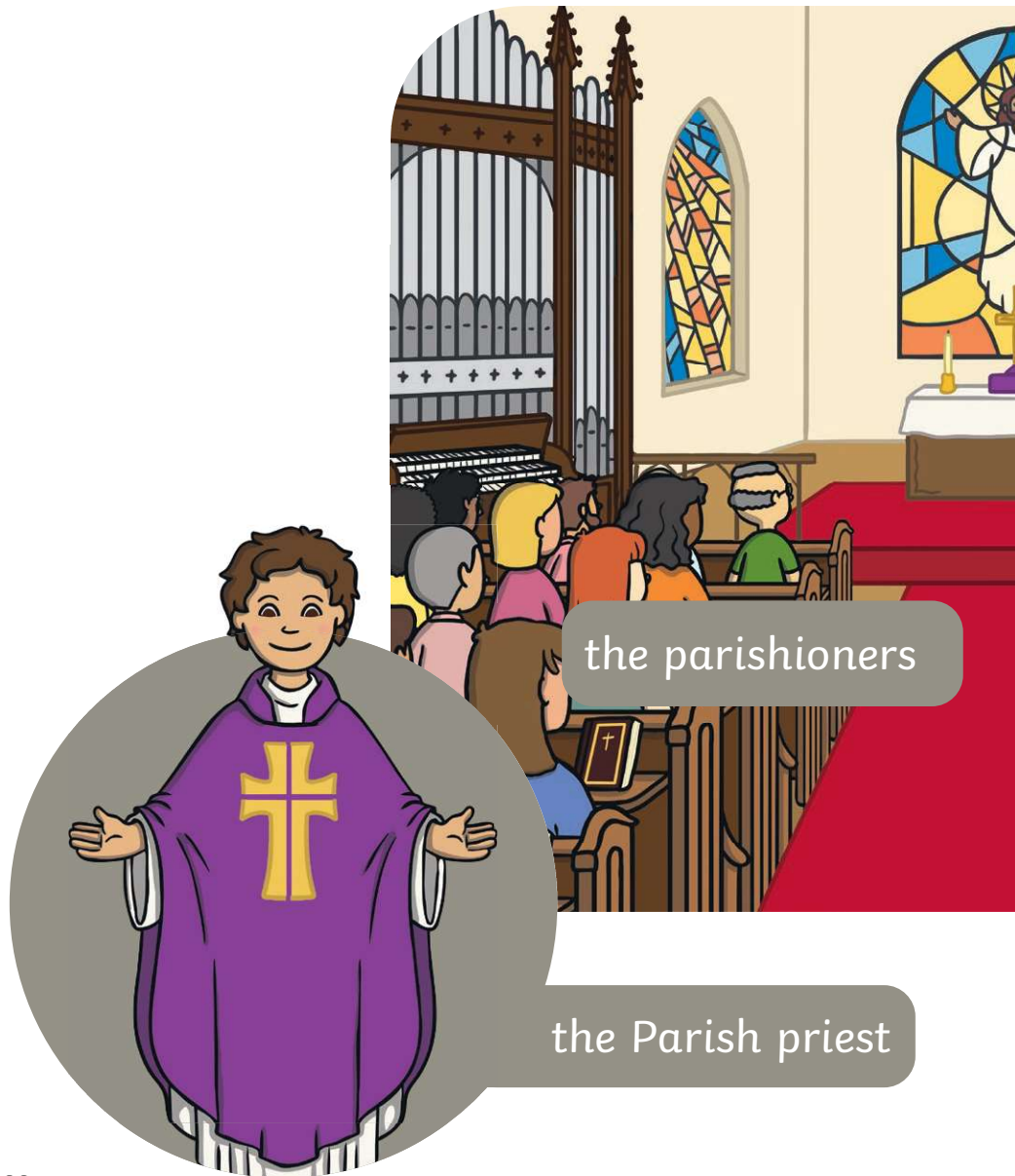
The church building, **parishioners**, the priest and **Pope** make up the Church community.

the church building

the Pope



Today, the Catholic Church remembers how Jesus washed the disciples' feet on the Thursday before Easter Sunday.



Matthew

The Tax Collector

John

James' brother and son of Zebedee

James

Son of Zebedee

Andrew

Peter's brother

Thomas

Simon

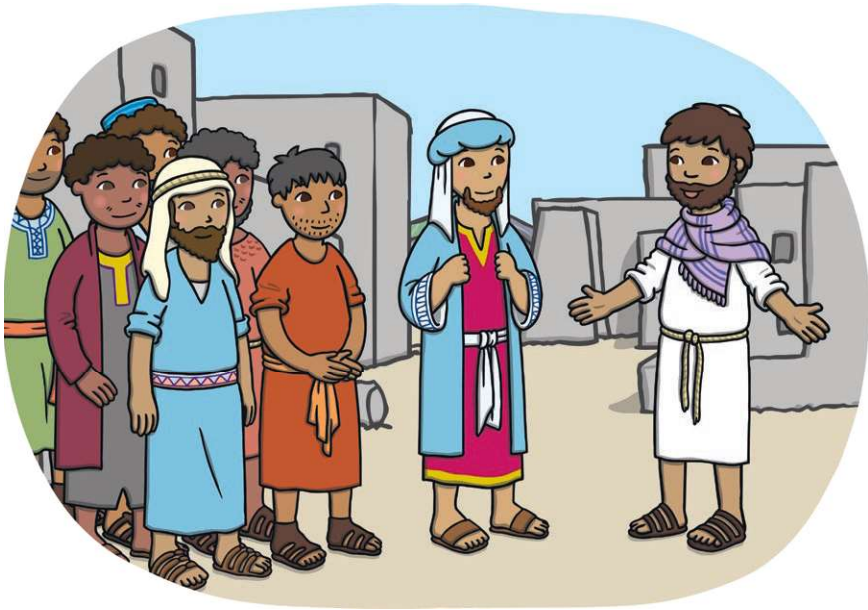
Known as Peter

Jesus

Did You
Know...

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A disciple is someone who learns from their teacher. An apostle is someone who has been sent to spread these teachings.



That is why these twelve friends of Jesus are known as both disciples and apostles as they learnt from him and then taught others.



Would you wash someone's feet?
Are there jobs your family ask you
to do but you don't want to do?



When Jesus finished washing his friends' feet, he collected his things and sat down.

Jesus' **humble** actions show you that he was willing to do jobs that others did not want to do.

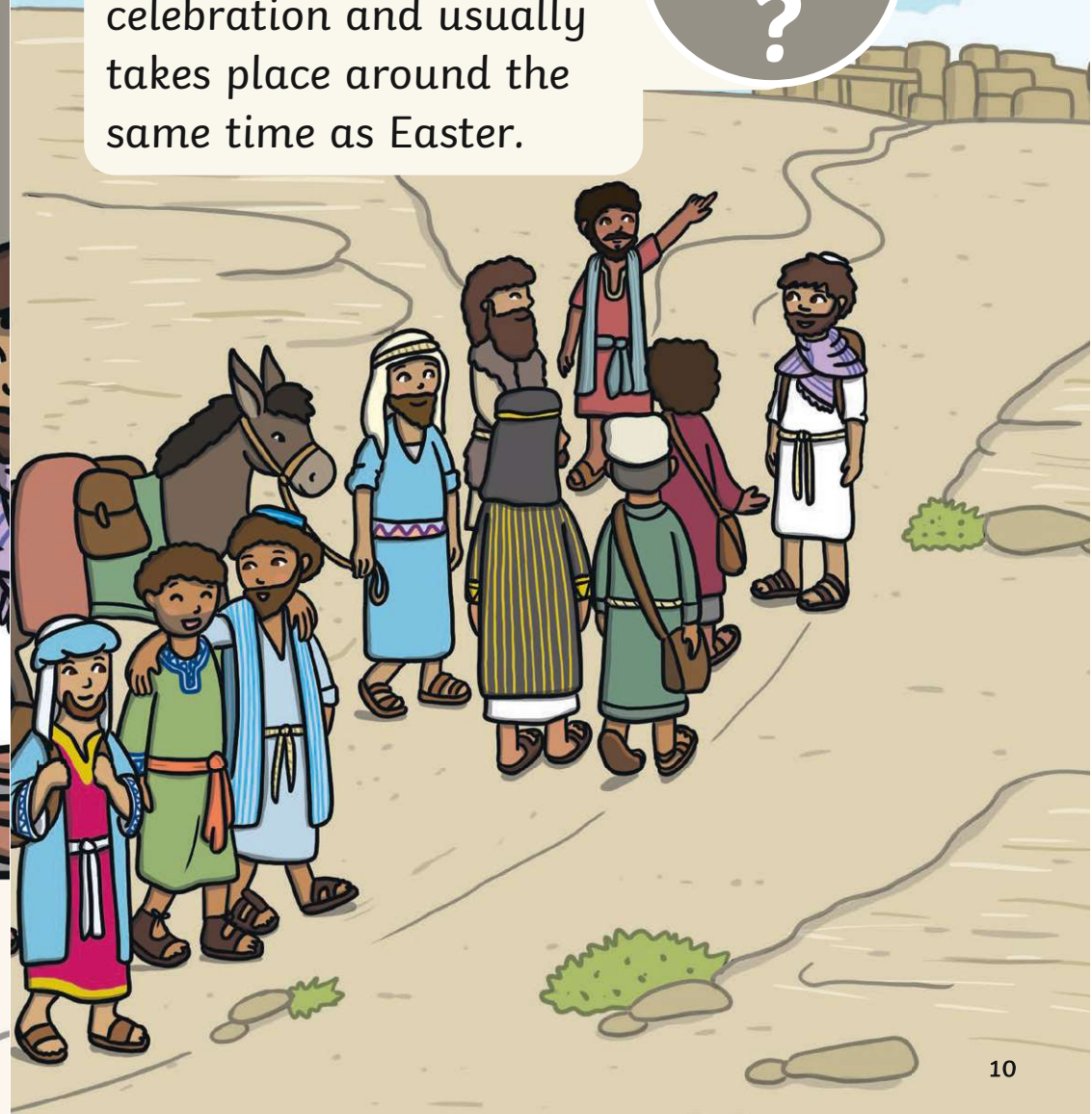


One day, Jesus and the twelve disciples had travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate **Passover**.

The festival of Passover is an important Jewish celebration and usually takes place around the same time as Easter.

Did You Know...

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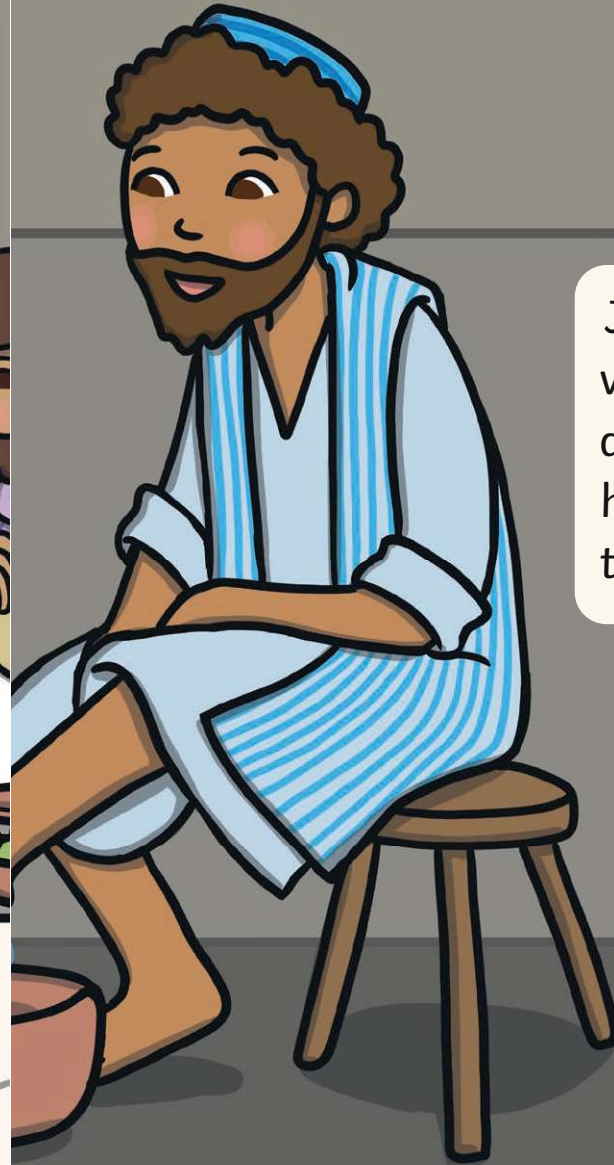


Some believe that at this time Jesus had invited his disciples over for a Passover Meal.



Jesus informed Simon Peter, and the other apostles saying, "He who is clean needs only to wash his feet to be clean all over. And you are clean, but not all of you are."

(John 13: 1-15)



Jesus included the words "Not all of you are" as he knew one of his friends was going to betray him.

Peter thought about what Jesus had said and decided to allow him to wash his feet. "Lord not my feet only, but also my hands and head."

(John 13: 1-15)



This meal is now known as the Last Supper.



During Jesus' time on Earth, everyone wore sandals. There was no running water either! So, you can imagine how gross people's feet were.



Peter replied, "You shall never wash my feet."
(John 13: 1-15)

"If I do not wash you, then you will have no
part with me,"
answered Jesus.
(John 13: 1-15)



When it was Simon Peter's turn, he refused to let Jesus wash his feet.

Jesus told him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand after." (John 13: 1-15)



It was a servant's job to wash the master's feet. But...

... at the Last Supper, during their meal, Jesus stood up from the table, placed a towel around his waist and began to pour water into a basin.

Then he started to wash the apostles' feet and used the towel to wipe them. His friends were shocked. This was not a job for a **Rabbi**, their Lord and Master.

