

THE MINISTRIES



## EXERCISE 1



Jonas, a member of the first congregation in Jerusalem, is writing to his friend Medad. Read his letter.

DEAR MEDAD:

TODAY I AGAIN WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL THAT HAPPENED IN OUR CONGREGATION. YOU WILL BE AMAZED!

MY FATHER WAS ACTUALLY CHOSEN BY THE APOSTLE TO BE A SERVANT—SOME ALSO CALL THEM DEACONS—IN THE CONGREGATION IN JERUSALEM.

YOU WILL ASK, HOW IT COULD COME TO THAT. AFTER ALL, OUR FAMILY IS NOT DESCENDED FROM THE LEVITES, WHO WOULD BE ENTITLED TO SUCH MINISTRIES. ALSO, MY FATHER NEVER STUDIED THE OLD SCRIPTURES INTENSIVELY.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED:

LATELY, OUR CONGREGATION HAS BEEN GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER. THE APOSTLES NO LONGER COULD MANAGE ALL THE WORK ALONE. THAT IS WHY THEY INSTRUCTED THE CONGREGATION TO SELECT SEVEN MEN WHO BORE THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WERE BOTH HONOURABLE AND WISE.

STEPHEN, PHILIP, PROCHORUS, NICANOR, NICOLAUS, PARMENAS, AND MY FATHER, TIMON, WERE CHOSEN. THEY CAME BEFORE THE APOSTLES, WHO PRAYED WITH THEM AND PLACED THEIR HANDS UPON THEM.

I WAS VERY NEARBY AND OBSERVED EVERYTHING VERY CLOSELY. I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS MOMENT!

BUT NOW, ENOUGH FOR TODAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON.

YOUR FRIEND,

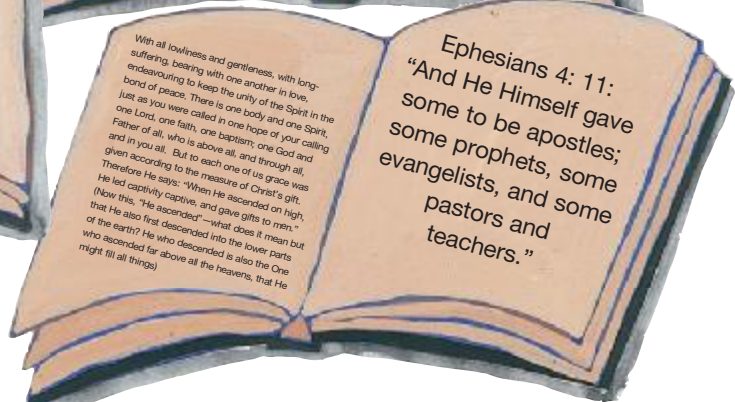
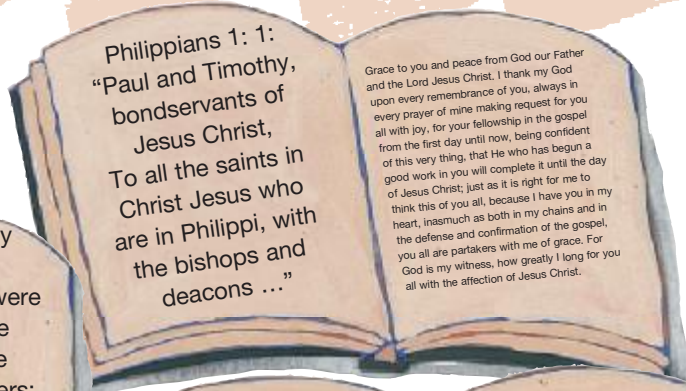
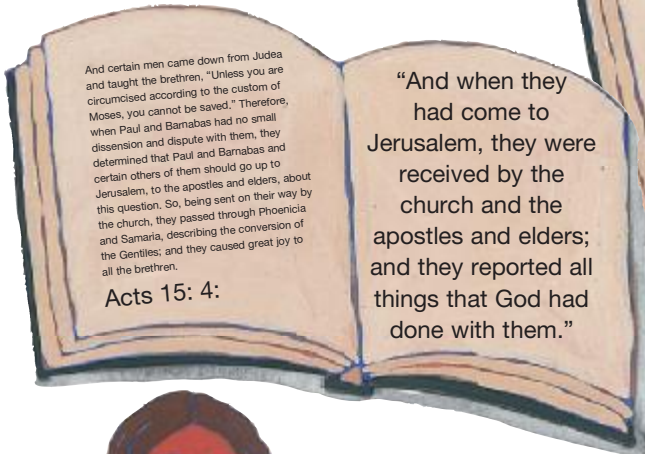
JONAS

EXERCISE 2



In the following Bible quotations you will find additional ministries of the first church!

Underline the ministries!



List the ministries below!

Blank lines for listing ministries

## EXERCISE 3



Complete the following list by inserting the missing ministries!

The ministries of the New Apostolic Church:

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Apostle

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Bishop

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District Elder

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Shepherd

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Community Evangelist

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Deacon

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