

# JESUS CALLS MATTHEW

*Matthew 9:9-13*

## Matthew 9

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth.

**“Follow me,”** he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and “sinners” came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw

this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?”

<sup>12</sup>On hearing this, Jesus said, **“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup>But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was Matthew's job before Jesus called him to be a disciple?
5		2.) What did Jesus tell Matthew?
5		3.) What did Jesus tell the Pharisees?
5		4.) Why do you think the Pharisees were concerned about Jesus eating with "sinners"?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p><b>“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 3:17</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*Matthew counts money as a tax collector before Jesus calls him to be a disciple*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: MONEY BAGS

Students will make money bags to remind them that Matthew was a tax collector before Jesus called him to be a disciple.

### MATERIALS

1. Tan 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Money Bag Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Hole punch
5. 18 inch pieces of yarn
6. Wrapped Chocolate Coins or Pennies



### DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a money bag pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students cut out the money bag pattern.
3. Instruct students to carefully crumble and recrumble the circle numerous times. The more the circle is crumbled, the softer and more cloth-like it becomes. Caution students to crumble carefully so as not to rip the paper.
4. Smooth out the circle and punch holes on each of the black dots.
5. Weave yarn in and out of each hole.
6. Tie both ends of the yarn together.
7. Place a few coins into the bag.
8. Draw the mouth of the bag closed by pulling carefully on both ends of the yarn.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are crumbling their “money bags”, remind them of how Matthew was a tax collector before being called as one of Jesus’ disciples. Tax collectors in Jesus’ time were despised because they often collected more money than they were supposed to; the extra money going to themselves. Point out that when Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, the Pharisees saw “sinners” with Jesus. Help students realize that Jesus came to save sinners, not condemn them.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

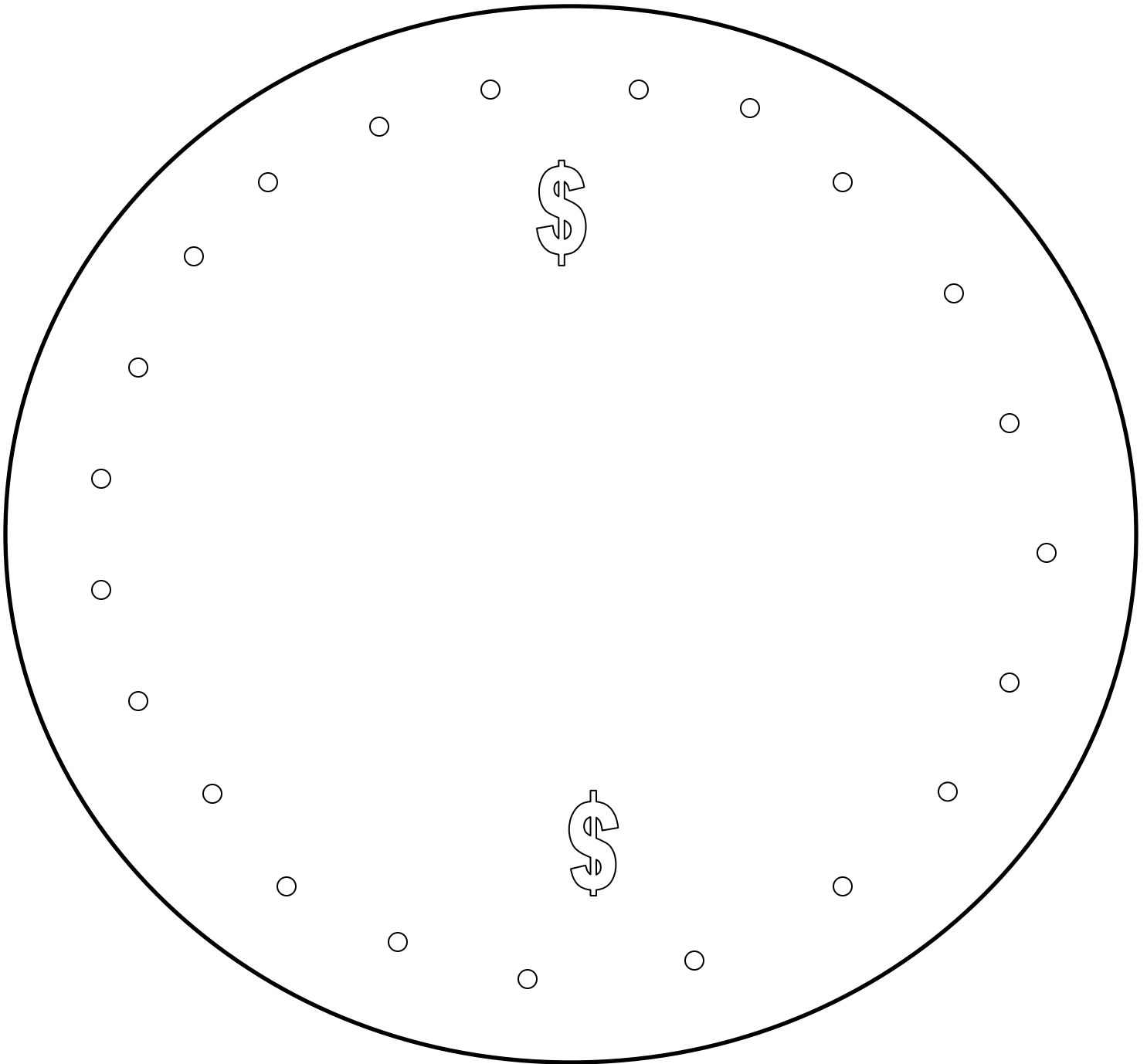
### MEMORY VERSE

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**MONEY BAG PATTERN**



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**Cross out all of the D, F, B, S, H, I and G's to see what Matthew's job was before he followed Jesus. Write your answer on the lines.**



S	D	H	I	T	F	H	S	I	D
B	G	F	A	I	D	G	H	B	F
X	H	B	F	D	B	S	H	S	D
G	H	S	B	F	C	I	G	B	S
S	H	O	I	H	G	B	F	B	S
L	B	I	H	G	D	F	S	L	B
S	H	I	G	D	F	B	S	H	I
G	S	S	H	I	B	G	E	F	S
H	I	G	B	S	G	S	D	F	C
F	B	S	G	H	I	D	B	S	F
G	H	I	G	B	F	S	T	B	S
F	H	I	G	B	S	B	O	F	S
B	D	H	B	S	G	S	D	F	R

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Matthew was one of Jesus' disciples. Before Jesus called him to be a follower, Matthew had a very unpopular position.

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**Directions:** In box #1, draw a picture of something that happened at the *beginning* of the story. In box #2 and #3, draw a picture of something that happened in the *middle* of the story. In box #4, draw a picture of something that happened at the *end* of the story. Then write a sentence for each picture to describe what you have drawn.

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

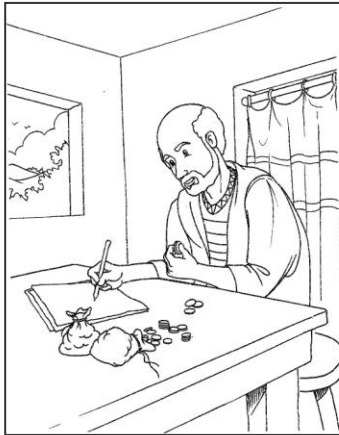
**4.**



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As Jesus was traveling, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a tax collector's booth. Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow me."

Matthew got up and followed Jesus. Matthew was now a disciple of Jesus.

Jesus and his other disciples went to Matthew's house for dinner. While they were there, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with them.

The Pharisees saw this and asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

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For more details, please read Matthew 9:9-13 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

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## HELP JESUS FIND MATTHEW'S HOUSE

