

Jesus

Friend of Sinners



PARENT GUIDE

During Jesus' ministry, He called twelve men to be his disciples. One of these men was Matthew. We read about his calling in Matthew 9:9-17:

Some key points we will talk about are-

- People didn't like the tax collectors, because they stole money.
- Jesus invites us to know Him even though we are not good.
- Jesus calls all men to repent and follow Him.

Talk about how Jesus called all different kinds of people to follow Him. Matthew was a tax collector. Explain how in Jesus' day, people hated tax collectors. Share how they took more money than they should.

Explain how Jesus always gives us a second chance. Point out that many people were angry that Jesus had time for sinners. Remind the child that none of us are perfect.

Remind your child that Jesus offers grace to sinners. Grace is a free gift that no one can earn. God loves us even when we do bad things and wants to forgive us.

Share how Matthew wanted all his friends to experience this forgiveness and meet Jesus, so he invited them to his house. Think about ways we can tell our friends about Jesus.

Pray and thank Jesus for offering us grace. Ask Him to help you be more like Him every day.