

Ages 1-2
9.28.25

Jesus Called Matthew

VERSE

Do what is right.
2 CORINTHIANS 13:7

PRAY at Mealtime

Say a prayer before eating a meal together. Tell the Bible story (reverse side) as you eat. Remark that Jesus ate a meal with people who did wrong things. State that Jesus chose to show love to others and tell them about God's love. Say that we can choose to show love to others. Say a prayer at meal's end, thanking God for food and asking Him to help us to always show love to others.

BABIES

FOLLOW the Leader

Invite your child to follow you on a walk. Tell the Bible story (reverse side). Let your child be the leader and follow her. Stop and say that Jesus told the people that He came to tell everyone about God's love. Say that God loves us, too. Pray, thanking God for loving us and to help you and your child to always choose to show love to others.

CRAWL with Your Baby

Encourage your baby to crawl on the floor with you. Sing to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?":
"I am crawling. I am crawling. / Can you crawl?
Can you crawl? / We can crawl together. We
can crawl together. / See us crawl. See us

crawl." Suggest your baby follow you as you crawl, then you follow your baby. Say: "Jesus asked Matthew to follow Him." Tell the Bible story (reverse side). Comment: "We follow Jesus when we show love to others."

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

The Bible story teaches that people can choose to show love to other people. Jesus called Matthew to follow Him. Then He showed love to Matthew's friends.



LIVE IT OUT

Write on a strip of paper: *Love one another. 1 John 4:7*. Read the verse as your child uses markers to draw on the strip. Tell him he can choose to love others like Jesus loved Matthew's friends. When your child finishes drawing, tape the strip around his wrist.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God created me to make choices.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 1 John 4:7

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Jesus Called Matthew

BASED ON MATTHEW 9:9-13

WEEKLY VERSE: Love one another.
1 John 4:7

LIFE POINT: People can choose to show love to other people.



BABIES

Matthew collected money from people. Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow Me." Matthew followed. Many people who did wrong things came and ate with Jesus and Matthew. Jesus told the people that He came to tell people who did wrong things about God's love.

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Matthew was a tax collector. He took tax money from the people. Jesus walked by Matthew's tax booth. Jesus told Matthew to follow Him. Matthew followed Jesus. Jesus ate a meal with Matthew, other tax collectors, and people who did wrong things. The people asked Jesus why He ate with tax collectors. Jesus told them that He came to tell everyone about God's love.

2s

Matthew was a tax collector. He took tax money from the people. Jesus walked by Matthew sitting in his tax booth. He told Matthew to follow Him. Matthew got up and followed Jesus. Jesus and His disciples were eating around the table. Some tax collectors and people who did wrong things came and sat with them to eat. The Pharisees saw this and asked why Jesus would eat with tax collectors and other people who did wrong things. Jesus told the Pharisees that He came to tell the people who did wrong things about God's love.



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Ages 3-K
9.28.25

Jesus Called Matthew

VERSE

Love one another.
—1 JOHN 4:7

Make RIGHT CHOICES

Jesus showed love to Matthew and his friends. We can choose to show love to other people.

CIRCLE the **PICTURES** that show people showing love.



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Complete the CODE

The Bible teaches us to do what is right. One way we can do what is right is to choose to love other people.

Use the shapes below to find a **SPECIAL WORD**.

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Jesus Called Matthew

BASED ON MATTHEW 9:9-13

WEEKLY VERSE: Love one another.
1 John 4:7

LIFE POINT: People can choose to show love to other people.

Jesus had been busy teaching people and making sick people well. One day Jesus met a man named Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector. His job was to collect people's money.

Jesus wanted Matthew to be one of His disciples (helpers). Jesus told Matthew, "Follow Me." Matthew got up from his booth and went with Jesus.

Jesus and His disciples went to dinner at Matthew's house. Matthew invited some friends and other tax collectors to come to dinner and meet Jesus.

Some people who did not like Matthew saw Jesus eating with Matthew, his friends, and the tax collectors. "Why is Jesus eating with them?" the people asked.

Jesus heard what they said. Jesus told them, "I came to show love to everyone." Jesus was kind to Matthew's friends.



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God allows me to make right and wrong choices.

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VERSE

Teach me to do your will, for
you are my God. May your
gracious Spirit lead me ...
- Psalm 143:10

Honor God

people can respond to situations, then circle the responses
that are right and honor God.

People can choose
to do what is right
and honor God. Read
the actions and ways

Forgive
when someone
hurts you.

Help
someone
in need.

Cooperate and
work as a team.

Obey even
when you
don't want
to obey.

Ignore someone who
is different from you.

Yell at the
person who
upset you.

Lovingly explain
why someone
may be wrong.

Encourage
someone who is
not encouraging.

Make fun
of someone
who is hurt.

Do Right

What does Psalm 143:10
tell us about how we
can learn what is right?
Place the letters above
the numbers using the
key. Once all the letters
are written, place a line
between each of the
words the letters spell.

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Psalm 143:10a

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Paul Taught Peter

GALATIANS 2:11-21

Paul wrote to the Galatians about going to Antioch. In Antioch, Paul heard that Peter (sometimes called Cephas) often spoke to the Gentiles and ate meals with them ... at least for a while.

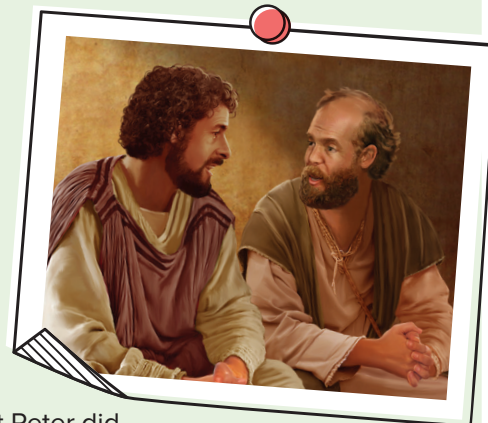
But when other believing Jews came to Antioch, Peter stopped spending time and stopped eating with the Gentiles. Others saw what Peter did, and they, too, withdrew from the Gentiles. Even Barnabas changed what he was doing.

Paul knew this was not right! He was so disappointed with Peter, and he scolded Peter in front of everyone: "Sometimes you are comfortable with Gentiles, living like they do. And yet, other times you expect them to change who they are and follow Jewish rules."

Paul reminded Peter that people can be saved only by believing in Jesus. Paul told Peter not to worry about following old ways of doing things. Following rules does not save people—faith in Jesus saves people! God offers new life in Christ to all believers.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 143:10

LIFE POINT: People can choose to do what is right and honor God.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Through this Bible story your child learned that people can choose to do what is right and honor God. Paul helped Peter see that his actions did not honor God, and Paul helped Peter choose the right things to do.

LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story and as a family plan to memorize Psalm 143:10. Write it on a bathroom mirror or write it on a card and post it in a prominent place for everyone to read. Remind your child that learning God's Word will help her make choices that honor God.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God asks me to honor Him by choosing to do what is right and reject what is wrong.

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BIBLE READING PLAN

EACH DAY YOU READ, HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIAL.
RETURN YOUR CALENDAR TO EARN \$200 KIDS' KASH

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
	1 Luke 9:2	2 2 Peter 3:9	3 1 Timothy 2:3-4	4 Hebrews 10:36	5 Mark 3:35	6 Philippians 2:13
7 John 14:15	8 Jeremiah 7:23	9 Acts 5:29	10 1 John 5:3	11 Deuteronomy 6:25	12 2 Corinthians 10:15	13 1 John 2:3
14 Proverbs 3:5	15 Philippians 4:9	16 Proverbs 9:9	17 James 1:5	18 Proverbs 1:7	19 Romans 15:4	20 Psalm 25:5
21 Proverbs 20:11	22 Luke 6:31	23 Romans 14:12	24 Proverbs 20:18	25 2 Thessalonians 3:10	26 Galatians 6:8	27 Colossians 3:25
28 Psalm 143:10	29 Proverbs 3:9	30 2 Timothy 2:21				



September