



Vacation Bible School 2020
3s-Kinder
SESSION 1

JESUS CHOSE
MATTHEW

Bible Story Passage: Matthew 9:9-13

What's The Point?: Jesus chooses to love me.

Focus Verse: I know that God started a good work in me and He will complete it. Philippians 1:6

Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at a tax booth. Matthew was a tax collector. Many people did not like tax collectors because sometimes they would steal money. But Jesus loved Matthew anyway. He said to Matthew, "Follow Me." So, Matthew got up and followed Him.

While Jesus and His disciples (helpers) were eating at Matthew's house, many tax collectors, and other people who did wrong things, came to eat with them. When some teachers saw this, they asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does Jesus eat with tax collectors and these other people?"

When Jesus heard this, He let them know that He came to show God's love for everyone.

Review the Bible Story

Display the Bible story picture. Talk about what is shown in the picture.

Tell the children that you will tell something about the Bible story. If what you say is right, preschoolers should hammer into their hands one time. If what you say is not right, they should hammer in their hands two times. Make statements like these:

- Matthew was a doctor. (not right)
- Jesus said to Matthew: "Follow Me." (right)
- Matthew got up and followed Jesus. (right)
- Jesus went to eat at Matthew's house. (right)
- Everyone was happy to see Jesus eating Matthew and his friends. (not right)
- Jesus said He came to show God's love to everyone. (right)

Closing Riddles

- I was sitting at a tax booth when Jesus chose me. Who am I? (Matthew)
- People did not like us because sometime we stole their money. Who are we? (tax collectors)
- I went to Matthew's house to eat. Who am I? (Jesus)
- We went with Jesus to Matthew's house. Who are we? (His disciples)
- We didn't think Jesus should go to a tax collector's house. Who are we? (some teachers)
- Jesus came to show God's love for us. Who are we? (everyone!)



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INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITIES

Activity 1:

Complete the “Jesus Chose Matthew” Coloring Sheet (in the VBS packet or at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)

Activity 2:

Decorate Backpack: Decorate the VBS backpack with markers and use it to keep your VBS supplies together. If you don't have a VBS backpack, here is a link to make your own using a paper bag: Paper Bag Backpack.

FAMILY TIME

Introduce the Bible Story: As your child comes to Bible story time, give him a coin. Explain to your child what a tax collector did and why some people did not like tax collectors. (They sometimes took more money than they were supposed to.) In today's story, Jesus chose a tax collector to be one of His special helpers.

Tell or watch the Bible Story: “Jesus Chose Matthew.” (You can watch Amy Wiede teach today's Bible story by going to www.pcbc.org/vbs.) If you choose to teach the Bible story, have your Bible open to the day's passage. Be familiar enough with the story that you can tell it, and not just read it! (The Bible story is in the VBS packet or at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)

Review the Bible Story: Make “Right” or “Not Right” statements. As you read the statements, your child can hit her fist on other hand one time for “right” or two times for “not right.” (Right/Not Right statements are on the Session 1 Bible Story sheet.)

Talk about the Story Point: Jesus chooses to love me. Encourage your child to say the words with you. Say “Jesus chooses to love me. He chooses to love you.” Say “Jesus loves _____” inserting your child's name in the statement.

Pray together.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Bible Verse Song to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” Sing this song with children each day to help them memorize our verse. (Included in VBS packet on the Activity Idea page or at www.pcbc.org/vbs)

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Activity 1:

Jesus Loves... Mirror Craft kit. (If this kit is not available, you can use construction paper, aluminum foil and stickers to make your own mirror!)

Activity 2:

Recall the Bible Story: Throughout the week, use activities your child enjoys to review the daily Bible story and Bible verse. (See list of suggested activities from the VBS Activity Idea sheet, either in packet or at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)

CLOSING RALLY

(Go to www.pcbc.org/vbs to watch this session's Worship Rally.) After the rally time, use the closing riddles (found on the Bible Story sheet in the VBS packet or at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)