Preschool · Easy

Jesus Calls Matthew Worksheet

Easy: circle the right word · Matthew 9:9–13

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the right word

A grown-up can read each sentence out loud.

1. Matthew sat at the receipt of (**custom** / **water**).
2. Jesus said, "(**Follow** / **Leave**) me."
3. Jesus ate a meal in the (**house** / **boat**).
4. Sick people need a (**doctor** / **baker**).
5. Jesus came to call (**sinners** / **kings**) to repentance.

Circle the number

6. How many words did Jesus say to Matthew in Matthew 9:9? **2** / **5** / **10**
7. Matthew was one of how many apostles? **3** / **7** / **12**

Trace the verse

Use a pencil to write over the gray letters. Then write the words again on the line below.

I will have mercy

Matthew 9:13 (KJV) · mercy = being kind and forgiving

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Answer key

Circle the right word

1. Sitting at the receipt of **custom** (where taxes were paid). *(Matthew 9:9)*
2. He saith unto him, "**Follow** me." *(Matthew 9:9)*
3. Jesus sat at meat in the **house**. *(Matthew 9:10)*
4. They that be whole need not a **physician** (a doctor), but they that are sick. *(Matthew 9:12)*
5. "I am not come to call the righteous, but **sinners** to repentance." *(Matthew 9:13)*

Circle the number

6. **2.** He said, "**Follow me**." (two words) *(Matthew 9:9)*
7. **12.** "The names of the **twelve** apostles" include "Matthew the publican" (Matthew 10:3). *(Matthew 10:2)*

Trace the verse

"I will have mercy" is part of Matthew 9:13 (KJV). The whole verse is: "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

For the teacher

Time: about 10 minutes · **Ages:** 4–6 (preschool and kindergarten)

- **Read it out loud:** read each sentence and both choices, then let kids circle the answer. Kids who can't write yet can point while you circle.
- **Tracing:** kids trace the gray letters with a pencil or crayon, then copy the words on the line. Younger kids can just trace.
- **Talk about it:** Jesus said, "Follow me," and Matthew followed him (Matthew 9:9). Ask: *What does it look like to follow Jesus?*
- **Teach the story first:** use the free Jesus Calls Matthew Sunday school lesson at vbshq.com/lessons/matthew-the-tax-collector-lesson.

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