Grades 3–5 · Hard

Jesus Calls Matthew Worksheet

Hard: look up the answers in your Bible · Matthew 9:9–13

Name: _____ Date: _____

Look it up in your Bible

Read the verse, then write the answer on the line.

1. Where was Matthew sitting? *Read Matthew 9:9.* _____
2. What did Jesus say to Matthew? *Read Matthew 9:9.* _____
3. What did Matthew do? *Read Matthew 9:9.* _____
4. Who sat down with Jesus at meat? *Read Matthew 9:10.* _____
5. What did the Pharisees ask? *Read Matthew 9:11.* _____
6. Who need a physician, said Jesus? *Read Matthew 9:12.* _____
7. What will God have, and not sacrifice? *Read Matthew 9:13.* _____
8. Whom did Jesus come to call? *Read Matthew 9:13.* _____

Memory verse

Write Matthew 9:13 from memory. The first letter of each word is given.

But g y a l w t m , I w h m , a n s : f l a n c t c t r , b s t r . *Matthew 9:13 (KJV)*

Think about it

How can you follow Jesus like Matthew did (Matthew 9:9)?

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Answer key

Look it up in your Bible

1. **At the receipt of custom** (where taxes were paid). *(Matthew 9:9)*
2. **"Follow me."** *(Matthew 9:9)*
3. **He arose, and followed him.** *(Matthew 9:9)*
4. **Many publicans and sinners**, with his disciples. *(Matthew 9:10)*
5. **"Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?"** *(Matthew 9:11)*
6. **They that are sick.** *(Matthew 9:12)*
7. **Mercy**: "I will have mercy, and not sacrifice." *(Matthew 9:13)*
8. **Sinners to repentance**, not the righteous. *(Matthew 9:13)*

Memory verse

"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." *Matthew 9:13 (KJV)*

Think about it

Answers will vary (pray, read his word, obey parents, be kind to people others leave out, tell others about Jesus). Help kids see that Matthew left his place at once and followed Jesus (Matthew 9:9), and that Jesus came to call sinners to repentance (Matthew 9:13): to turn away from sin. Encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about obeying the gospel (Acts 2:38).

For the teacher

Time: about 20 minutes · **Ages:** grades 3–5

- **Bibles:** each child (or each pair) needs a King James Bible open to Matthew 9.
- **Old Bible words explained:** receipt of custom = the place where taxes were paid, publicans = tax collectors, sat at meat = ate a meal, behold = look, Master = teacher, whole = well, physician = doctor, meaneth = means, sacrifice = an offering, righteous = good, repentance = turning away from sin.
- **Talk about it:** Jesus said, "Follow me," and Matthew "arose, and followed him" (Matthew 9:9). Ask kids to share their "think about it" answers.
- **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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