Grades K–2 · Medium

Jesus Calls Matthew Worksheet

Medium: fill in the missing words · Matthew 9:9–13

Name: _____ Date: _____

Fill in the missing words

Use the words in the box. Each word is used one time.

house · Pharisees · publicans · Follow · physician · Matthew · arose · sick

1. Jesus saw a man named _____ sitting at the receipt of custom. (Matthew 9:9)
2. Jesus said unto him, "_____ me." (Matthew 9:9)
3. And he _____, and followed him. (Matthew 9:9)
4. Jesus sat at meat in the _____. (Matthew 9:10)
5. Many _____ and sinners came and sat down with him. (Matthew 9:10)
6. The _____ asked, "Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?" (Matthew 9:11)
7. "They that be whole need not a _____." (Matthew 9:12)
8. A physician is for "they that are _____." (Matthew 9:12)

Memory verse

Fill in the missing words: **mercy · sacrifice · righteous · sinners**

"But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have _____, and not _____: for I am not come to call the _____, but _____ to repentance." *Matthew 9:13 (KJV)*

Old Bible words explained: receipt of custom = the place where taxes were paid, publicans = tax collectors, sat at meat = ate a meal, whole = well, physician = doctor, meaneth = means, sacrifice = an offering, righteous = good, repentance = turning away from sin.

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Answer key

Fill in the missing words

1. Jesus saw a man named **Matthew** sitting at the receipt of custom. *(Matthew 9:9)*
2. Jesus said unto him, "**Follow** me." *(Matthew 9:9)*
3. And he **arose**, and followed him. *(Matthew 9:9)*
4. Jesus sat at meat in the **house**. *(Matthew 9:10)*
5. Many **publicans** and sinners came and sat down with him. *(Matthew 9:10)*
6. The **Pharisees** asked, "Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?" *(Matthew 9:11)*
7. "They that be whole need not a **physician**." *(Matthew 9:12)*
8. A physician is for "they that are **sick**." *(Matthew 9:12)*

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)*

For the teacher

Time: about 15 minutes · **Ages:** grades K–2

- **Younger kids:** read each sentence aloud and let them find the word in the box. Cross off each word as it's used.
- **Older kids:** have them look up the references in their own Bibles to check their answers.
- **Talk about it:** Jesus called Matthew, and "he arose, and followed him" (Matthew 9:9). Ask: *How can you follow Jesus today?*
- **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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