

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Praise & Worship: Good, Good Father - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE\\_l-Klp2Uk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE_l-Klp2Uk)

Lesson: Jesus Makes New Friends

Scripture Reference: Matthew 9:9,10

YouTube: Jesus Makes New Friends- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKiflULiqjA&t=190s>

Memory Verse of Power: "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

Scripture summary:

1. Matthew was a wealthy tax collector. Many people did not like tax collectors because they extorted people's money. They abused their position and collected more taxes than necessary, making themselves very wealthy with the extra money. His friends were dishonest, too.
2. Jesus knew Matthew needed a good friend. Matthew was glad to be a friend of Jesus. He had a big dinner at his house and invited his tax collector friends and other outcasts of society. (Outcast - one who has been excluded from society. Other people who were not liked or accepted by many people.)
3. The religious leaders did not like Jesus. They criticized Him for eating with tax collectors and sinners. They could not understand how someone who says they love God would want to be around sinners.
4. Jesus told the religious leader that he likes showing mercy to people who need it. He wanted to let everyone know they were loved and accepted by God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why didn't Matthew have many friends? How do you think that made him feel?
2. Jesus was very popular. How do you think Matthew felt when Jesus was friendly to him?
3. How do you think Matthew felt to have someone like Jesus come to dinner at his house? How would you feel if Jesus came to your house for dinner? What would you do?
4. Was Jesus a good example of God's love to Matthew? To the religious leaders?

Encouragement:

1. Jesus is our friend. He loves us and wants us to know that God loves us, too. God wants us to be a part of His family.
2. Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and arose from the grave so that we could be forgiven for our sins and become a part of God's family. (John 3:16)

Memory Verse of Power - Review and memorize John 14:6 (See above.)

Prayer - Thank you, Jesus for being my friend. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins so that I can be apart of the family of God. Thank you for teaching me and showing me what that means.

Object Lesson: Salt & Pepper - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93Yv8BNd2jA>

(Preview the video and use your own spices. The illustration will come alive when you do.)



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Draw some coins in the money sack and color the sack.

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