



Together @ Home



June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after
Pentecost



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together the story of Jesus calling Matthew to be a disciple.

You can find the story in your Bible in:

Matthew 9:9-13

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.

The other passages we might be thinking about at church this week are:

Psalm 116
Genesis 12:10-20

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for your mercy--the undeserved kindness--that you offer us. We are thankful that you want to be the friend of everyone--even those who have chosen to do wrong.

Thank you that we are your children whom you love. We pray for all who don't yet know you, that they would come into your family.

Help us to be willing to go to others and to tell them about you, show them your love, and welcome them into your family.

Amen

Discussion

Questions for adults to ask children

Why did most people not like Matthew?

How and why was Jesus' treatment of Matthew different?

Matthew was a tax collector. In Jesus' day, tax collectors were seen as traitors because they worked for the Romans who had taken over Israel. They also often collected more money than they were supposed to. They were hated.

In our story we see that Jesus spent time with people whom other people excluded because they believed they were "bad"--like "sinners and tax collectors." He said that people who don't know God's love are the ones that need it the most. Jesus showed *mercy* to Matthew and his friends.

God loves all people and invites everyone to be a part of His family. As Jesus' followers, we are called to follow His example by showing mercy to others and welcoming them into God's family.

Questions for children to ask adults

Have you ever felt left out or excluded?

How has someone shown mercy to you?

Family Activity 1

Go and... Count People!

As a tax collector, Matthew was good at counting. Go for a walk with your family and see who can count the most people you see. You could also try marching like a Roman soldier guarding the taxes Matthew collected.





A verse to remember

Psalm 116 v 7

I said to myself, "Relax, because the Lord takes care of you."

Sometimes waiting for something can be really difficult. You might feel excited or worried and it is all you can think about. Psalm 116 reminds us that we can relax and know that not only does God take care of us, but also God always keeps his promises.

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or write it on a piece of paper and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

You will need: Paper, pens, colored pencils, markers, or crayons, scissors, glue, and any craft materials you would like to use.

Every family is different, but there's always an element of waiting for a new child. Imagine how God feels as He waits to welcome into His family all those around the world who do not yet know him as their Father. How exciting it is when people choose to follow Jesus!

Why not create your own family portrait? Get each member of the family to draw another family member. When you have all finished your pictures, cut around the people and then overlap them and stick them onto another piece of paper to make a family portrait.



Check it Out!

This YouTube video is a fun way to see today's Bible story!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgy6TWuUkK0>

Share the love

Help provide lunch and snack items for families at McDougall Terrace!

Needed items

small cans or pouches of chicken or tuna, snack crackers, graham crackers, peanut butter, granola or cereal bars, canned or plastic fruit cups.

Items may be placed in the plastic bin outside the church office door.



Jesus Welcomed Sinners and Tax Collectors

Matthew 9:9-13



PUZZLE SHEET

Can you find all these words
from today's Bible story in
the word search?

DISCIPLES
SACRIFICE
MERCY
RIGHTEOUS
MATTHEW
DINNER
SITTING
FOLLOW
DOCTOR
HEALTHY
BOOTH
HOUSE
COLLECTORS
TEACHER
SINNERS
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Can you help
Jesus find
Matthew's
house?

