

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Dines with Sinners (Mark 2: 13-22)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Mark 2: 13-22

Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus (aka Matthew) sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, 'Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?' Jesus said to them, 'The wedding-guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.'

'No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.'

Activity: You're cordially Invited

Theme: Jesus went to those who needed him.

Supplies: Party decorations and food.

Lesson:

Before class, decorate the room with streamers and other party objects. Have some food set off to the side.

Welcome to class everyone. Today is a special day because Jesus is with us, so we're having a party. Who do you think we should invite to join us? *(Give the children a chance to mention some people)*

Oh, no. We can't invite them because they are sinners. In fact, we can't even stay, because we've all sinned. You see, this is the way the Pharisees in today's story thought.

In the time of Jesus, the government hired people to collect the taxes, just like today; the difference is today we pay people, but in Jesus time the government assumed the tax collectors would take extra money for themselves, so they didn't bother giving them a wage. People hated tax collectors because they would take lots more money than they had to, leaving the people with nothing. The only friends many tax collectors had were other tax collectors.

Jesus saw a tax collector named Levi (aka Matthew) and said he was coming for supper. Levi was so excited he invited all his friends. When the Pharisees saw this, they were angered; Jesus should only be eating with people that obey the law of the synagogue, people regarded as non-sinners.

What do you think? Do you think Jesus should be only for those that have no sins?

We are all sinners. God sent Jesus to remind us that he loves us. God doesn't just want the people that obey everything he says, he wants everyone to be at his great party when we join him in heaven.

That is a great reason to have a party, and everyone is invited.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for inviting us to God's great celebration. May we joyfully spread the good news to others and invite them to your presence. Amen.

Video: Jesus Makes Friends <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKiflULiqjA>

Hope Kids; God invites tax collectors and sinner to join his family

Duration: 5:00

Video: Bible Theater: Matthew <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKlpNLRadAo>

Lifekids: Live action play of Matthew talking about his life, then Jesus comes to this tax booth.

Duration: 3:23

Craft: Your Invitation (Preschool)

Supplies: "You are invited" labels, paper, crayons/markers, scissors, glue

Directions:

Give children a sheet of paper to draw on; it can be anything they desire or ask them to draw what they think having dinner with Jesus would look like. Cut out the labels and glue one on the picture. For older children, glue the label in the center and fold to create an envelope they can mail to a friend.



Craft: Tax Collector's Purse

Supplies: Supplies: Tan felt, brown yarn, chocolate coins

Directions: Cut pieces of tan colored felt 4" x 9". Have the children fold so felt is 4" x 4" with a 1" flap. Take a large needle with brown yarn and sew up the two sides. Poke two holes in the middle of the flap, pulling the yarn so it's equal lengths on both sides, feed thru the yarn between the holes and tie off ends. Give the children some chocolate coins to put into their purse.





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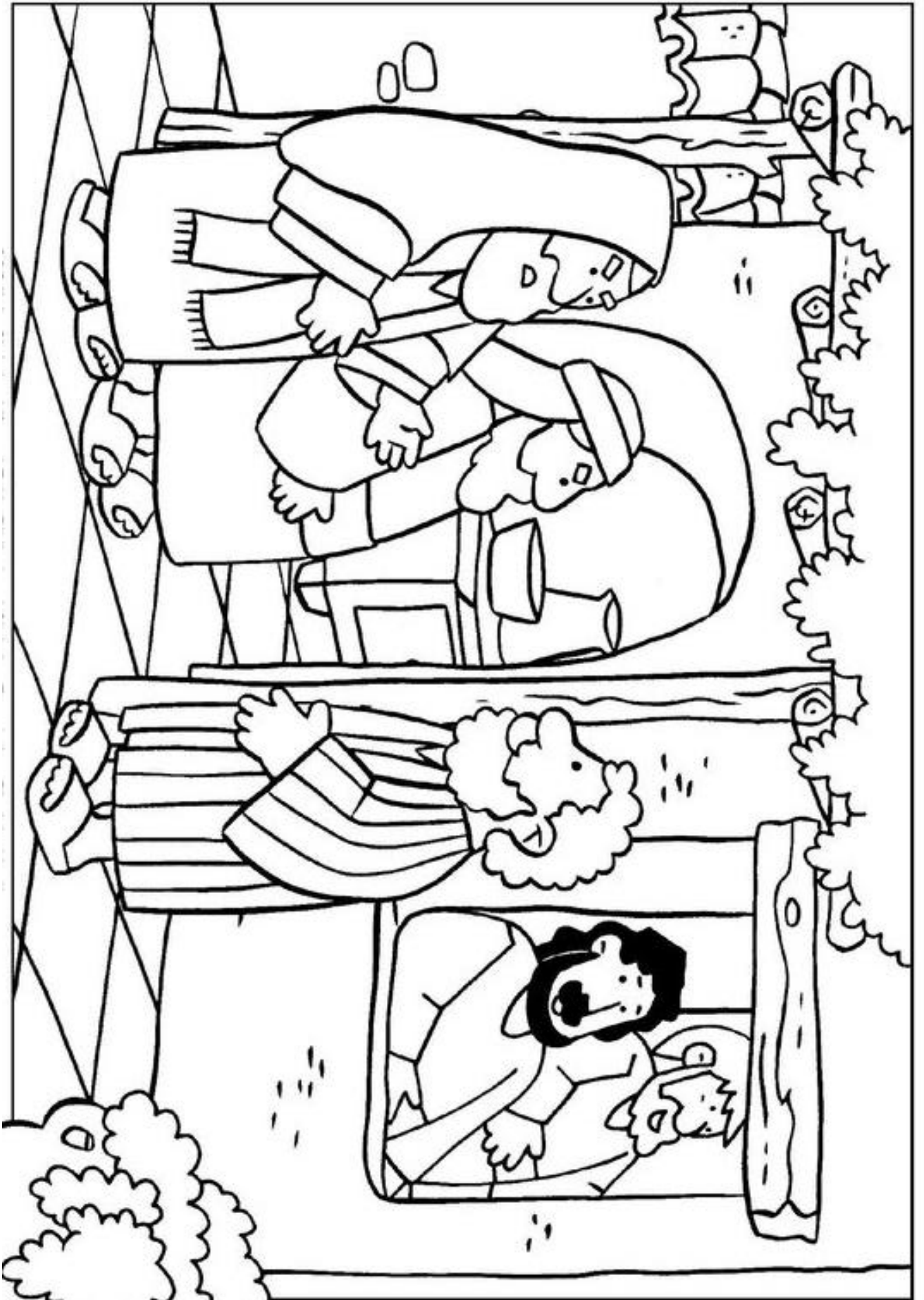


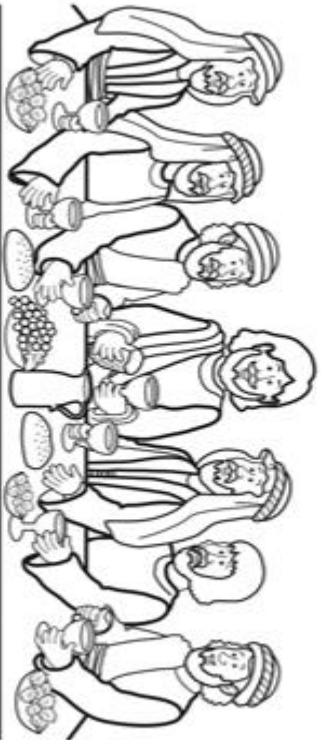
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Find the words at the bottom in the Wordsearch.

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DISCIPLES	MATTHEW	DOCTOR	COLLECTORS
SACRIFICE	DINNER	HEALTHY	TEACHER
MERCY	SITTING	BOOTH	SINNERS
RIGHTEOUS	FOLLOW	HOUSE	SICK

The Calling of Matthew

"For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
 Matthew 9:13 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



1. The first book of the New Testament
 A. Mark B. Luke C. Matthew D. John
2. The opposite of standing
 A. flying B. walking C. climbing D. sitting
3. Strong and free from illness and disease
 A. healthy B. tired C. sick D. fat
4. One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
 A. healthy B. disciple C. follow D. doctor
5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
 A. prophet B. sinner C. doctor D. tax collector
6. To walk behind someone
 A. lead B. sitting C. follow D. sinner
7. The main meal of the day
 A. snack B. healthy C. disciple D. dinner
8. One who refuses to obey God's laws
 A. disciple B. sinner C. tax collector D. doctor
9. To be affected with disease or ill health
 A. sick B. hungry C. righteous D. healthy
10. An amount of money paid to the government
 A. tax B. wages C. dues D. salary