

Jesus Calls Matthew to Be His Friend

Read: Matthew 9:9-13



Here's what happens...

Jesus calls a tax collector named Matthew to be a disciple. When the religious leaders see Jesus eating with Matthew and his friends, they don't approve. They think tax collectors are don't deserve to be treated nice. But Jesus is our friend and loves us all.

Bible Point:

Jesus is our friend,
so we're good friends to others.
Our family members are friends and our helpers!

*"A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need"
(Proverbs 17:17).*

Fun Worship Time : Click the links!

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/5486112/video/296509175> "I Have a Friend"

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/5486112/video/295394706> "Wild About Us"

Family Together Time

Show kids your old friends!

- Dust off the old yearbooks and show kids pictures of the people you were friends with in high school and college.
- If you're really brave, find the notes they wrote in your yearbooks!
- Share what made those friends good friends.
- You could also "introduce" your kids to your old friends by showing them their current social media profiles.
- Let your kids share why their friends are such good friends, too.

Talk About Video:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/5486112/video/295396823>

In our Bible story, we saw what a good friend Jesus was to Matthew and his friends. But how can we be that kind of friend? Let's see how some girls today showed good friendship. Watch "Good Friends." Video link above.

Tell about a time you had a friend pull away from you. Share your own story first.

- How can you be a good friend when someone is going through a hard time?
In the video, Avery was going through a hard time because her parents got divorced. She needed good friends, but it was hard for her to reach out for friendship. When we see people, who are going through a hard time, we can reach out, too! We can ask Jesus to help us know what to do or say. Jesus is our friend, so we're good friends to others.

Talk About This...

- What qualities do you look for in a friend?