

**DAY 1**  
**ADDITIONAL TEACHING IDEAS FOR KINDERGARTENERS**

Bible Story: Jesus Chose Matthew

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

Today's Point: Jesus chooses to love me.

Paying Taxes Activity:

- Display a bolt, washer, and nut. Explain that a washer is a round piece of metal that is used in between a bolt and a nut.
- Comment that the washer looks like a coin. Say, "This washer reminds me of today's Bible story."
- Give two washers to your child and explain that people use money to buy things.
- Say "Once you have money, you have to pay a tax. A tax is what pays for the government. So, now it is time to pay your tax."
- Take one washer back from each child.
- Explain that in today's Bible story, we learned about Matthew, who was a tax collector.

Activity Book:

- Turn to page 4 in the Activity Book and complete it with your child.
- Tell your child that the heart shape can help them remember that Jesus chooses to love them.
- Remind child that Jesus loved Matthew even when other people didn't like him.

Make and Eat a Pretzel Stick House:

- Give your child 16 pretzel sticks and 9 marshmallows (small ones)
- Follow the "Pretzel Stick House" instructions to build a house (see diagram).
- Talk about how Jesus and His friends ate at Matthew's house.
- Share how Jesus loved Matthew and how He chooses to love everyone.
- Kids can disassemble the houses and eat their snack.
- Challenge your child to build other structures with the pretzel sticks and marshmallows.

### Matthew's Name Search:

- Ask your child to look through Matthew 9:9-13 and count how many times Matthew's name is written.
- Explain that Matthew became one of Jesus' closest friends and that he wrote the Book of Matthew, the first book of the New Testament.

### Toss and Review:

- Set up 8 orange cones and place one washer under 4 of the cones.
- Have your child toss a ring around one of the cones. If the ring lands on a cone, ask the child to lift up the cone to see if there is a washer underneath it.
- Can be played in teams when there are at least 2 children.
- Ask kids to recall how the washers remind them of the story.
- Share how Matthew was a man who collected people's taxes or money.
- Ask "Why did Jesus choose Matthew?"
- Talk about how Jesus loved Matthew.
- Kids can add a washer to their Memory Maker.