

Tuesday 12th January 2021

WALT: Explore the Good News that Jesus has for Matthew.

Matthew 9:9-13 - International Children's Bible

Jesus Chooses Matthew

⁹ When Jesus was leaving, he saw a man named Matthew. Matthew was sitting in the tax office. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." And Matthew stood up and followed Jesus.

¹⁰ Jesus had dinner at Matthew's house. Many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with Jesus and his followers. ¹¹ The Pharisees saw this and asked Jesus' followers, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

¹² Jesus heard the Pharisees ask this. So he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor. Only the sick need a doctor. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: 'I want faithful love more than I want animal sacrifices.' I did not come to invite good people. I came to invite sinners."

1. What was Matthew's job before Jesus called him to be a disciple?
2. What did Jesus tell Matthew?
3. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees?
4. Why do you think Jesus chose Matthew to be his disciple?
5. What do think this story means to some Christians?

Use your head:

What do you think of Jesus' choice of disciples? Why did Jesus choose them? Can you think why some Christians might see this as 'good news'?