

JESUS CALLS MATTHEW

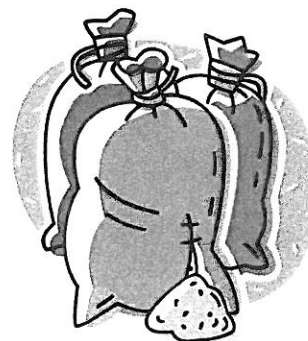
Matthew 9:9-13

CRAFT/ACTIVITY: MONEY BAGS

Students will make money bags to remind them that Matthew was a tax collector before Jesus called him to be a disciple.

MATERIALS

1. Tan 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Money Bag Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Hole punch
5. 18 inch pieces of yarn
6. Wrapped Chocolate Coins or Pennies



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a money bag pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students cut out the money bag pattern.
3. Instruct students to carefully crumple and recrumble the circle numerous times. The more the circle is crumpled, the softer and more cloth-like it becomes. Caution students to crumple carefully so as not to rip the paper.
4. Smooth out the circle and punch holes on each of the black dots.
5. Weave yarn in and out of each hole.
6. Tie both ends of the yarn together.
7. Place a few coins into the bag.
8. Draw the mouth of the bag closed by pulling carefully on both ends of the yarn.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are crumbling their “money bags”, remind them of how Matthew was a tax collector before being called as one of Jesus’ disciples. Tax collectors in Jesus’ time were despised because they often collected more money than they were supposed to; the extra money going to themselves. Point out that when Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, the Pharisees saw “sinners” with Jesus. Help students realize that Jesus came to save sinners, not condemn them.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

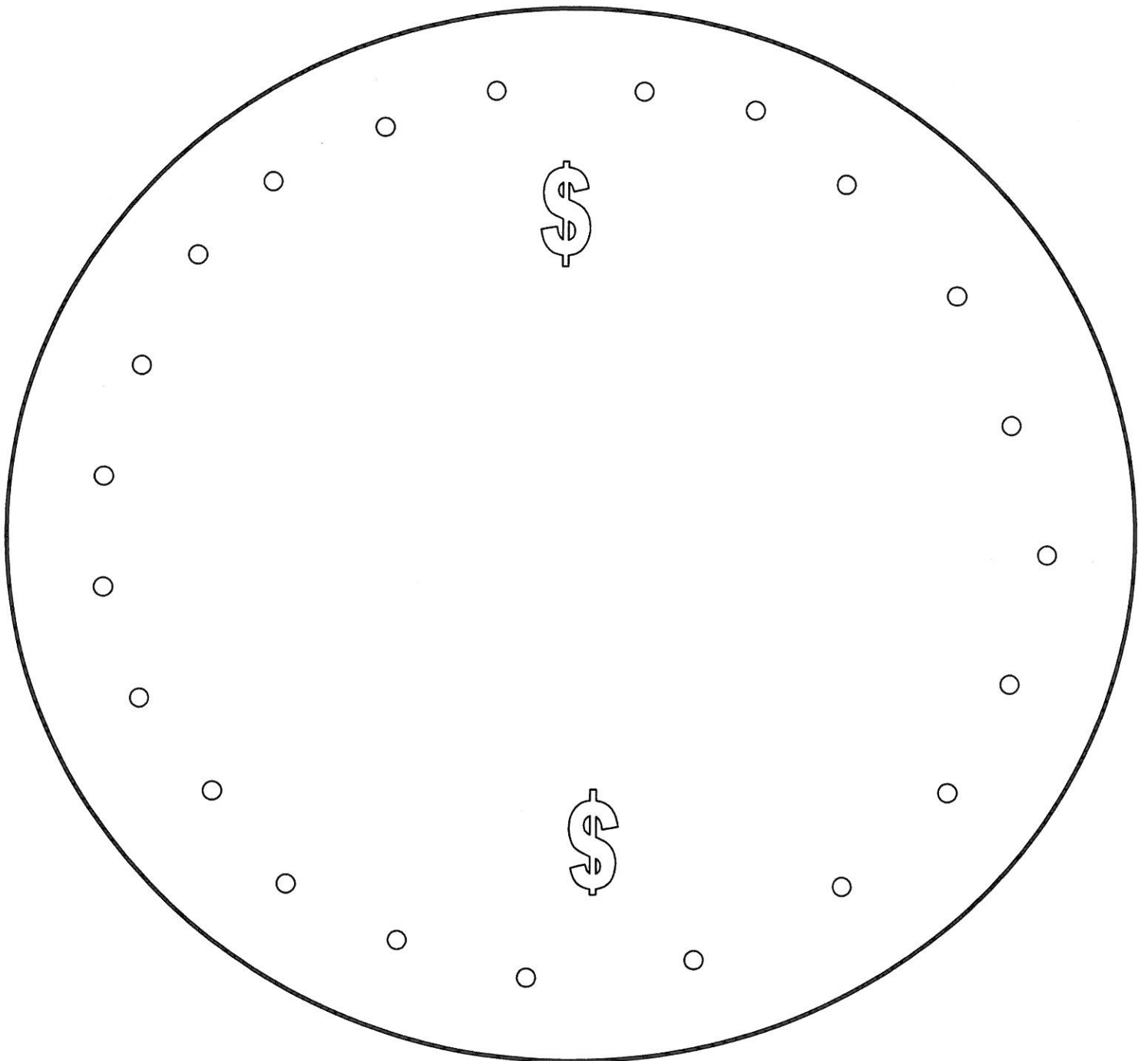
MEMORY VERSE

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:17

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MONEY BAG PATTERN



The Calling of Matthew



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

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
K	U	Q	R	M	H	D	J	V	P	T	Z	Y	B	N	W	G	L	X	E	C	O	S	A	F	I

1. 11-24-19 _____
2. 21-22-18-18-20-21-11-22-4 _____
3. 5-20-4-21-13 _____
4. 23-26-21-1 _____
5. 7-26-15-15-20-4 _____
6. 7-22-21-11-22-4 _____
7. 23-26-15-15-20-4 _____
8. 6-20-24-18-11-6-13 _____

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