

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

15 MINUTES

## BIBLE STORY

Everyone can follow Jesus.

**MATTHEW (TAX COLLECTOR)**  
**MATTHEW 9:9-12**



## MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

## MEMORY VERSE

"Come and follow me,"  
Jesus said."

**MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV**

## KEY QUESTION

Who can you follow?

## BOTTOM LINE

I can follow Jesus.

## BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my  
friend forever.

## COLLECTING

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Gold dessert plates

### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Spread the plates all over the activity area. These will be "coins."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage the children to collect the coins from around the activity area. Repeat as desired.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "There are coins all around our room!" (*Point.*)

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's work together to collect all of the coins." (*Do activity.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Great job! You are great coin collectors. Today in our Bible story, we are going to hear about a coin collector."

**TRANSITION:** Move to Bible story time by chanting this month's Bottom Line as you move to the story area.

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**LIVE  
FOR GOD  
APPLICATION  
ACTIVITY**



**CREATE**

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

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**AROUND THE TABLE**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Table" Activity Page and happy face stickers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child an Activity Page, and help the child place happy face stickers around the table on the page.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Send the Activity Pages home with the children.

**MEMORY VERSE**

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "In our Bible story today, we heard about how Matthew and Jesus had dinner and that everyone was invited!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We have a table on the Activity Page with Matthew and Jesus. Let's add all of the people!" (Do activity.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Way to go! Everyone in the story followed Jesus. We can follow Jesus, too, and be His friend. **Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!**"

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