

Who Needs Jesus?

Print the picture cards on Idea 1. Page 2. onto card or stiff paper and carefully cut them out.

Lay cards 1-6 face down (keep card 7 separate for now).

Take it in turns to choose a card to turn over. Look at the picture on the card and together talk about:-

- Who the person in the picture is?
- What do they do?
- When would someone need a person like this?
- Do you need a person like this right now?

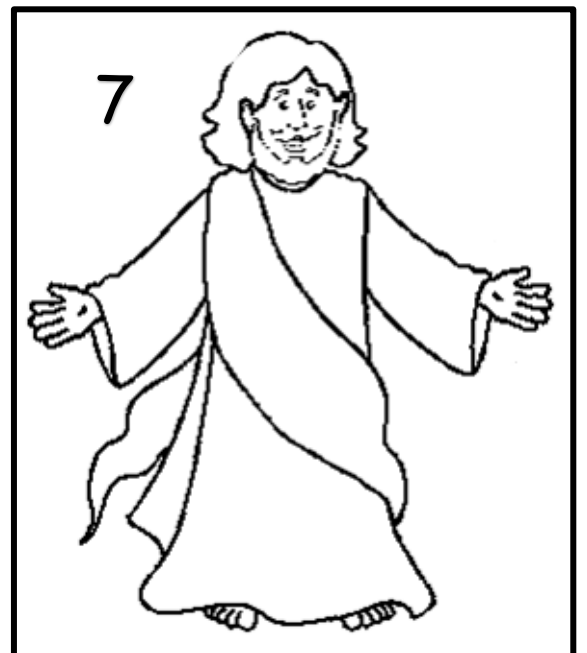
When you have looked at and discussed all the pictures, look at picture 7.

- Who is the person in picture 7?
- What did Jesus come to do?
- Why do we need Jesus?
- When do we need Jesus?

Jesus came for *everyone*. Not *just* for people who are good, or clever, or kind, or caring. No-one can ever be good enough, or clever enough, or kind enough, or caring enough that they don't need Jesus.

We all need Jesus to make us right with God. We need to walk closely with Jesus every day. We need Him *all* the time.

Read or listen to Matthew 9:9-13 and spend some time together talking to Jesus and thanking Him for what He has done for us.



Matthew 9: 9-13.



Jesus eats with “Scum”

As Jesus was walking along, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector’s booth. “Follow Me and be My disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed Him.

Later, Matthew invited Jesus and His disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked the disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with such scum?”

When Jesus heard this, He said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MATTHEW 9:9-13

JESUS CALLS MATTHEW



As Jesus was traveling, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a tax collector's booth. Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow me."

Matthew got up and followed Jesus. Matthew was now a disciple of Jesus.

Jesus and his other disciples went to Matthew's house for dinner. While they were there, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with them.

The Pharisees saw this and asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

When Jesus heard this, he said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

For more details, please read Matthew 9:9-13 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

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 the Pharisees were concerned about Jesus eating with "sinners"?

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

Walk with Jesus to Matthew's house.

