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Today's Reading:
Luke 5:27- 6:11

Today, at church I learned:

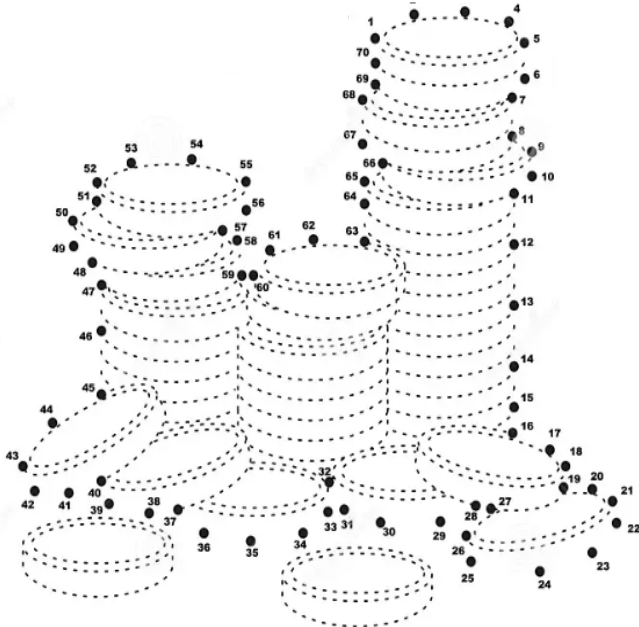
**I have not come to
call the righteous to
repentance, but
sinners.**

Luke 5:32

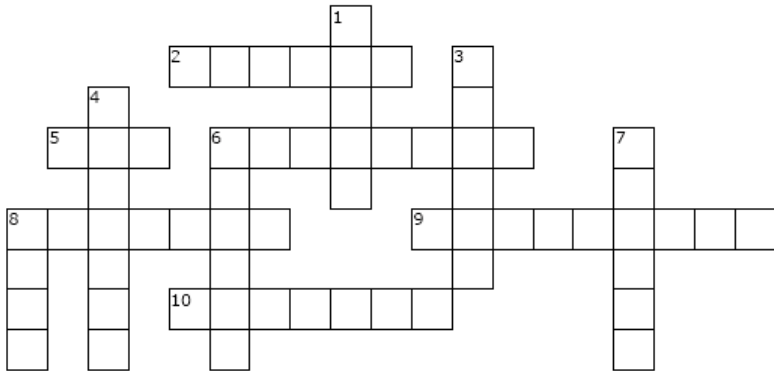


Jesus called on Matthew to become a disciple. Matthew was a tax collector and was not very popular with other people because he took money from them and gave it to the Roman government. Jesus did not care what other people thought of Matthew, He saw a disciple and told him, "Follow Me." Jesus called on sinners like Matthew and Peter to become his disciples.

Connect the dots in the picture below and color it in.



The Calling of Matthew Crossword Puzzle



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2. One who refuses to obey God's laws
5. An amount of money paid to the government
6. One of the twelve chosen to follow Jesus
8. The opposite of standing
9. A person who accumulates items (stamps, for example)
10. Strong and free from illness and disease

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1. Kindness and forgiveness shown toward someone
3. To walk behind someone
4. The first book of the New Testament
6. The main meal of the day
7. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
8. To be affected with disease or ill health

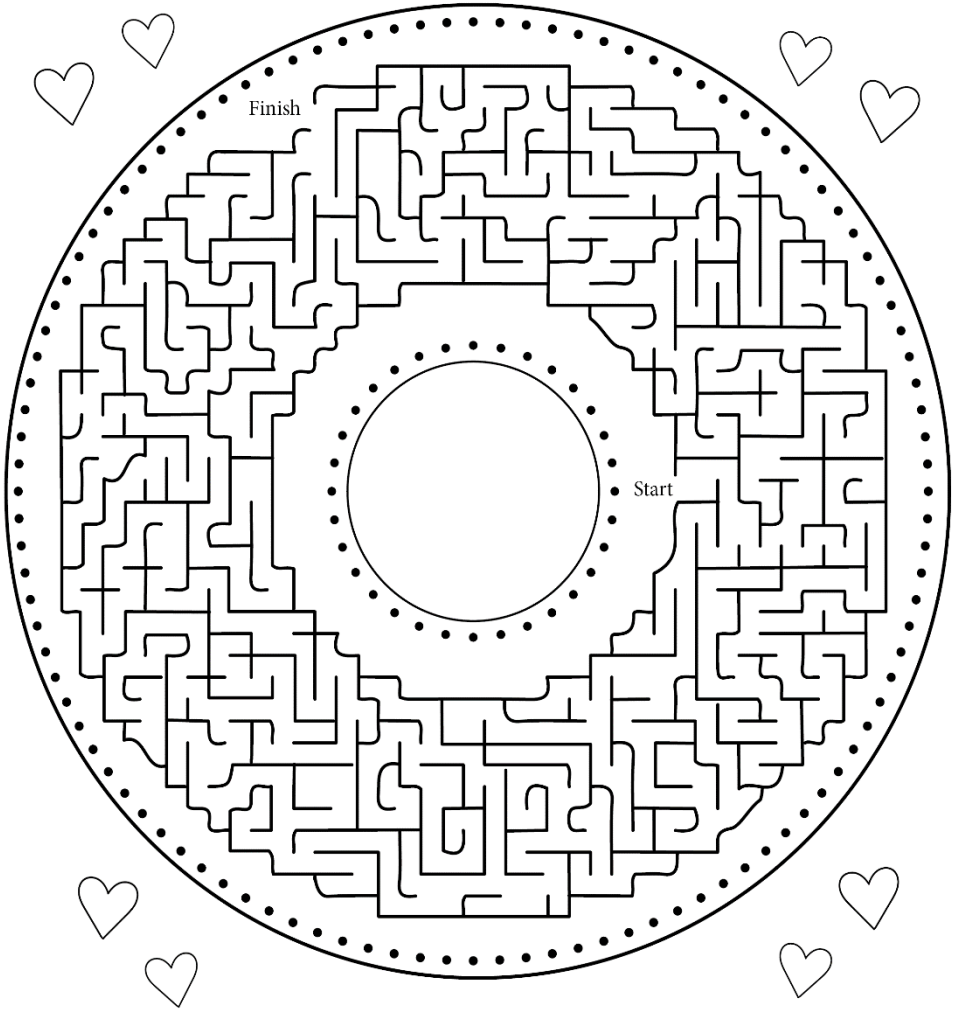
Disciple	Dinner	Doctor	Collector
Sick	Mercy	Sinner	Follow
Sitting	Matthew	Healthy	Tax



“Come, follow me,”

Jesus said.

DONUT YOU KNOW HOW MUCH JESUS LOVES YOU?



Jesus is a friend to sinners. You are not too sinful for Jesus. Your sins are not too bad for Jesus to love you. He came to call on sinners like you to follow him.

The disciples left everything to follow Jesus. Jesus calls us to leave our old sinful life behind to follow and be more like Him.

Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for Matthew's sin and for your sin too. You do not have to be perfect to receive God's forgiveness. All you have to do is believe and follow Him.