

Date	Day	Colour	Theme
20th September 2020	Jesus Calls Matthew	Red	God loves all people even those who do wrong.

Bible verse: - Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew became one of Jesus' closest friends. This wasn't because he behaved perfectly or was popular in the area he lived. In fact, it was the opposite for Matthew. His job made him unpopular. He had to collect money, called tax, for the people he worked for – the Romans. Sometimes tax collectors collected too much money and kept it for themselves which was very dishonest.

Then Jesus came along and saw Matthew. He saw beyond his job and his unpopularity. Jesus saw his potential. He saw the person that Matthew could be, and so Jesus asked Matthew to follow him, to be one of his closest friends.

Jesus still calls people today. Not just good people but those who desperately need his help to get their lives back on track so that they too can reach their full potential.

Matthew did so well as one of Jesus' friends that one of the books in the New Testament Bible is named after him. Many people believe that he may have played a part in writing it himself.

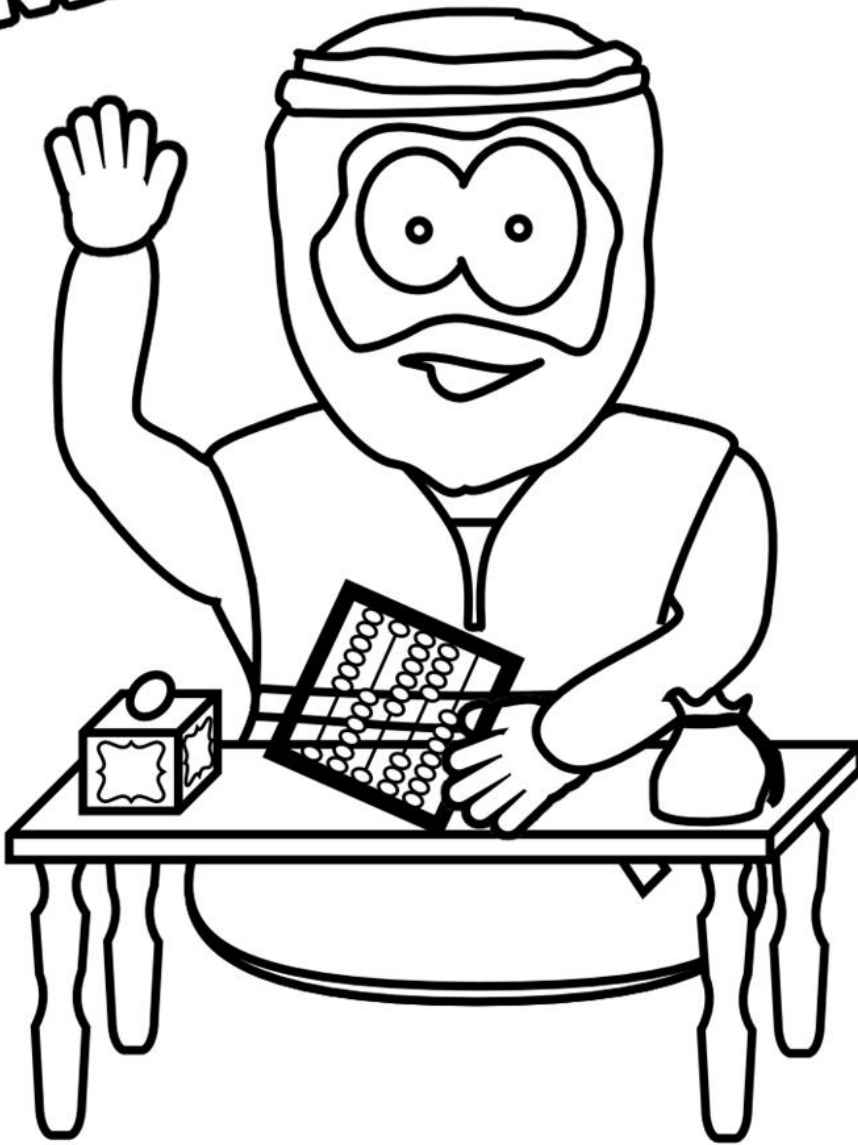
If you ever feel that you are not good enough to be a friend of Jesus think about the story of Matthew, and others like him, that Jesus helped to believe in themselves again. God can see that you have so much potential that is waiting to be used for good. So, don't be shy and answer the call of Jesus to follow him!

Further Activities

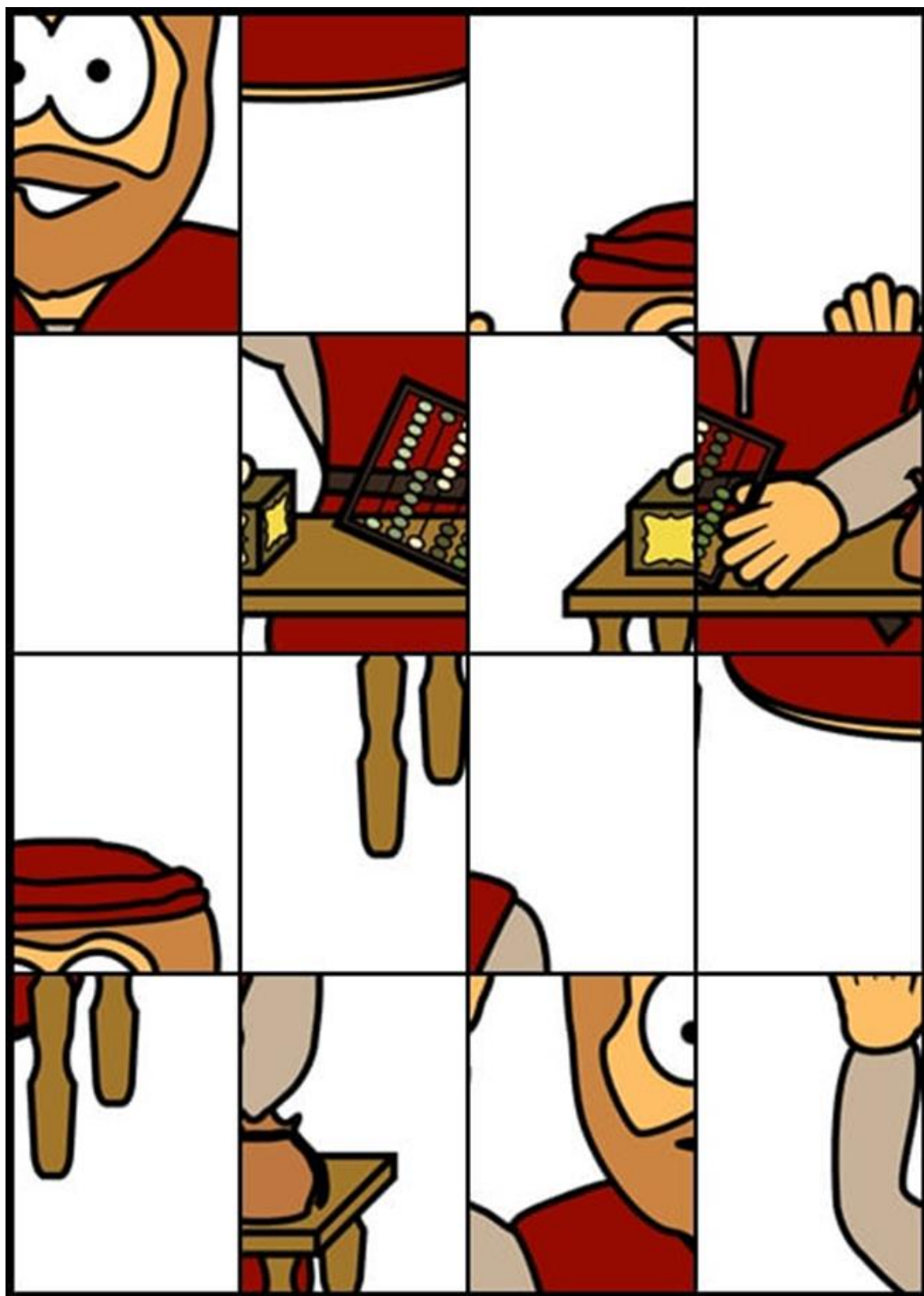
- 1) Watch the Children's Church video for this week. Read the story from the Bible.
- 2) Make a prayer space in a corner of your room (If you haven't already). You could have a little table, on the table put a cross and a candle (a battery operated one would be safest).
- 3) Colouring sheet and jigsaw.
- 4) I'd love to see photos if you're allowed to email them in. Ask your parents to help you. The address is:- families@graftoncathedral.org.au

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