# JESUS CALLS MATTHEW

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| 10.10 | **Hello, Aslan prayer** Song: [12 disciples song](#)  
Intro: We've learnt that Jesus called 12 disciples, sometimes called apostles. One of them was a tax collector. He worked for the Romans who governed the area where he lived. He had to collect money from people so that things like the new roads being built could be paid for. Most tax collectors added a bit more onto what they were supposed to get and many of them were rich because of that. Jesus knew that he could change Matthew's life and he wanted him to be one of the 12 apostles because he could see what he could become.  
Let's see the story of Matthew/Levi [Jesus calls Matthew/Levi](#)  
Jesus said an important thing when he was explaining why he wanted to spend time with Matthew and his friends:  
(Matt 9:12,13)  
"On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick..... I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." | Ball for game  
Words of prayer on screen  
Videos |
| 10.30 | Snack                                       |                                               |
| 10.35 | **Level 1:** (i) Read the story 'Helpers and Friends' from Beginners Bible  
(ii) Storyboard. Feelings in story  
Level 2, 3 Storyboard to illustrate  
Level 2 Wordsearch  
Level 3 Crossword: [click here](#)  
Level 4 - Answer questions on tax collectors in Jesus' time.  
- Crossword: [click here](#) (hide/cut off answers) | Beginners Bible  
Storyboard  
Mirror  
Storyboard  
Crossword  
Tax Collector questions |
| 11.00 | Individual activity until parents come      |                                               |

**Names of the Apostles:**  
Simon and Andrew (Brothers, Simon became Peter meaning 'Rock')  
James and John (brothers, nicknames Sons of thunder, father was Zebedee)  
Philip  
Bartholomew/Nathanael
Thomas (referred to as the twin, also 'doubting')
James (son of Alphaeus)
Matthew (tax collector), also known as Levi (Hebrew name)
Thaddeus/Jude
Simon (the zealot - anti government activist)
Judas Iscariot (betrayed Jesus)

Although the words disciple and apostle are sometimes used interchangeably, they mean different things. A disciple is a follower or student of someone. An apostle is someone who is sent out with a message or mission.

In the Bible, Jesus' disciples were the group of followers who listened and learned from him. The Bible mentions different groups of disciples, including the group of 70 Jesus addressed in the gospel of Luke. Twelve of his disciples became his apostles when they were sent out on a mission to spread "the good news of Christ." Only two of the canonical gospels of the Bible use the word apostles to describe the 12. The other two only refer to them as disciples.