Welcome to Virtual Sunday School

21 February 2021

Introduction

During Lent, we are going to be reading lots of stories from Mark’s gospel. This is the 2nd of the books in the Bible about Jesus’ life on earth. Today, we read about Jesus being friends with a man called Levi (in other gospels, he was called Matthew) even though no one else liked him.

Bible

* Read Mark 2v13-17 in your Bible.
* Watch the video I have produced on www.hooleparishchurch.com/video
* Watch this video: Jesus Calls Matthew - YouTube

Think about it

* Think about someone you know, or you have heard of, who you don’t like very much. Do you think God loves them?
* Why/why not?
* Jesus tells us that he loves everyone, even the sinners. If that’s true, do you think you should try to make more effort to love the person you thought about?

Activities

1. Change of heart – *you will need 2 hearts cut out of paper, pens and things to decorate one of the hearts beautifully*

The first heart represents a heart that is sinful and doesn’t follow God. This is how our heart is before Jesus changes us. Write some words on it that are attitudes we might have when we’re not trying to follow God properly, for example, greedy, hate, jealousy, anger, selfish, etc. Then screw the heart up and jump up and down on it!

The second heart represents a heart that changes to be like God wants us to be. Jesus is always ready to give us another chance to and to change our heart if we ask Him to. Write on this heart some much better attitudes, such as love, kindness, peaceful, giving, etc. to show the change. Decorate this one beautifully to remind you that following God gives us much better hearts and we learn to love those around us much more.

1. For older children, there are some puzzles here for you to try. How many can you complete?

The Calling of Matthew Crossword | Sermons4Kids

The Calling of Matthew Decoder | Sermons4Kids

The Calling of Matthew Fill in the Blank | Sermons4Kids

The Calling of Matthew Word Search | Sermons4Kids

Prayer

Take some bubbles outside and blow lots of bubbles. Watch the breeze blow them around. The bubbles represent all the people who need Jesus. Ask God to show His love to everyone, and ask Him to help you show His love to people around you as well.

Then pray this prayer with your family:

*Jesus, we thank You that You are always ready to forgive us and give us another chance, just like You gave Levi another chance. We ask that You will change our hearts and help us to put You first in everything that we do. Amen.*

Song – Big Family of God

This is a fun song about how everyone is part of God’s family, even the people we find it difficult to get on with.

Big Family Of God (Official Lyric Video) - Nick & Becky Drake // Worship For Everyone - YouTube