

# MATTHEW



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Jesus asked Matthew to leave his job and follow him.

Matthew did.

Do you think it was hard for Matthew to leave his job, his money and security, and follow Jesus?

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When do you go to the doctor?

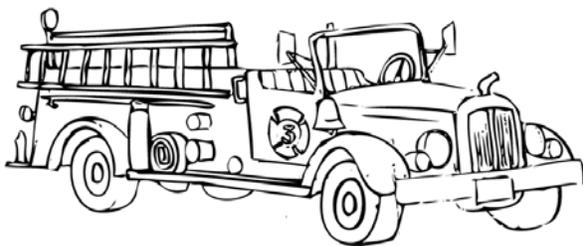
- When I feel good
- When I feel lonely and want to talk to someone
- When I'm sick





When do you call the fire department?.

- When I am sick
- When I want to know how to make a big fire
- When someone's house is on fire



Jesus' followers didn't understand why he ate dinner with the people who stole money from others.

He needed to teach the people at Matthew's house about God, because they didn't believe in God.

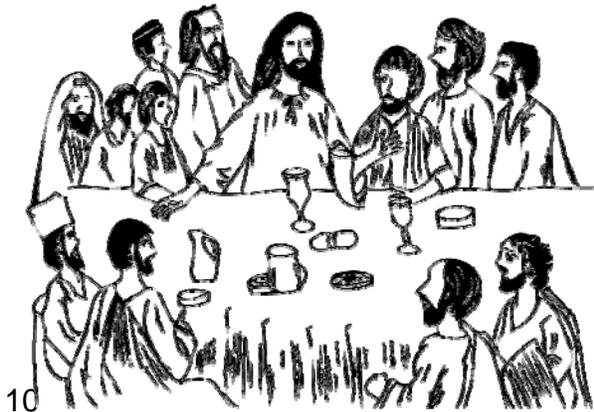
Jesus was a teacher and he wanted to teach everyone, even those who did not know about God.



Matthew was a tax collector, so most people thought he was a bad guy.

When Matthew met Jesus, he invited him to dinner. He also invited some tax collector friends of his.

Matthew prepared a special meal for Jesus.



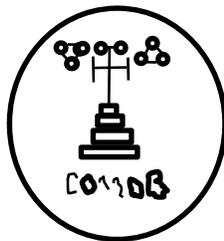
When do you call a policeman?

- When I am lonely and want to talk to someone
- When I'm sick
- When I'm in danger and I need help



Matthew was a tax collector. Tax is some money the government takes. The government uses tax money to build roads, pay for schools, and to pay the policemen.

Matthew's job was to take the tax money from people and give it to the Roman government.



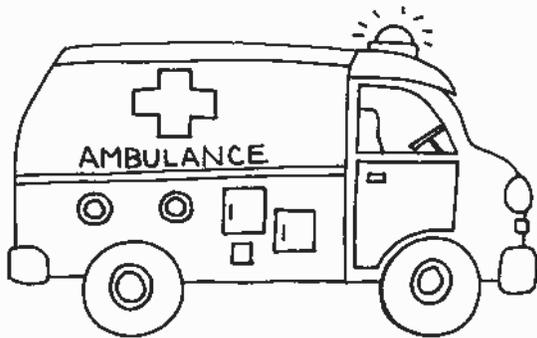
Jesus understood that most people need to go to the doctor when they're really sick.

You call the police when you're in danger. You call the fire department when someone's house is on fire, and you call 911 if someone falls on the floor and can't breathe.



When do you call 911?

- When I'm scared
- When someone fell down all of a sudden and can't breathe
- When you fall down and scrape your knee

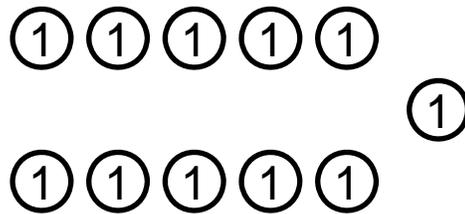


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Back in the time of Jesus, it was easy for tax collectors to cheat the people and take more money from them than they had to.

So, if a farmer owed 10 coins, the tax collector could say he owed 11 coins. The tax collector would then keep 1 coin in his pocket and give 10 to the Roman empire.

People didn't like that at all.



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Jesus was a teacher and preacher. Who do you think Jesus should teach about God?

- Only people who believe in God and love God.
- Only people who do not know about God and don't believe in God.
- Everyone who is willing to listen about God.



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