

# Lesson 10

The Matthew Matter  
Matthew 9:9–13

## ACTIVITIES

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

### Bible Verse Fun

Say, **Jesus told Matthew, “Follow Me.” Let’s sing a song about following.** Have children do the actions as you sing to the refrain of “Skip to My Lou”:



**Hop, hop, follow Me; Hop, hop, follow Me; Hop, hop, follow Me; hop, hop, hop, and follow.**

Add additional actions such as clap, stomp, nod. **Jesus tells us: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me”** (John 12:26). Have children repeat the Bible Verse. Help children tell ways they can live as God’s children.

### Follow the Leader

Lead the children in actions while singing to the tune of “Short’nin’ Bread”:



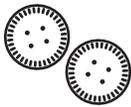
**Everybody do this, do this, do this.**

**Everybody do this, just like me.**

Change actions each time (clap, jump, tap head, nod, pat tummy, wave, do a chicken walk). At the end, say, **You did a great job following the leader. Jesus wants us to follow Him. What are ways we can do this?**

### Cracker Coin Snack

Serve round crackers. Tell how the crackers remind you of the money Matthew collected. Say, **Matthew did wrong things just like we do. But Jesus called him to be His friend and helper. Jesus calls us to be His helpers too.**



### Forgiven Faces

Have children make a sad face on the back of a paper plate. Say, **People said Matthew was a sinner. The Bible says everyone sins. But Jesus says He came to forgive sinners.** Have children make a happy face on the other side of the plate to show that Jesus’ love makes us happy. Use yarn for hair and have children personalize their faces.

