

## Matthew Follows Jesus.

Bible Story: Matthew the Tax collector was clever and rich but he wasn't happy. Jesus saw him and said "Follow me." Matthew left his job straight away. He wrote a book in the Bible. Matthew 9:9

**1 Noah's Ark - Jill Kemp Noah's Ark Xtra CD**

**3. The Birds up In The Tree Tops - Noah's Ark Xtra CD**

**12. J.O.Y - Noah's Ark Xtra CD**

**24 Caterpillar Surprise - Noah's Ark Xtra CD**

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Verse

Jesus said "Follow me."  
Matthew 4 verse 9

Lesson

**Matthew follows Jesus.  
Matthew 9.**

- Book: Matthew Follows Jesus by Jill Kemp web site.  
Show pictures.

**\*This is a story about a clever, rich man called Matthew**

**\*He had an important job**

**\* Collecting money for the king.**

**\* He was a tax collector.**

**When people got money from working or selling something they had to give some to the king.**

**\* Your Dad or Mum pay taxes too.**

**It helps to make roads, build hospitals etc.**

- \* People didn't like paying the money – sometimes they didn't have enough to look after their family.
  - \* Mathew was rich but being rich and clever didn't make Matthew happy inside.
  - \* Matthew was working when Jesus came past.
  - \* "Matthew Follow me." Jesus said.
  - \* What would Matthew do?
  - \* Would he leave all the money and follow Jesus?
  - \* Yes!
  - \* Following Jesus made Matthew happy.
  - \* Matthew wrote all the things he saw Jesus do and the things he heard Jesus say, into a book – like a scroll – that's what they used in the old days.
  - \* Mary, Jesus mother told Matthew about when Jesus was born too. He wrote it down too.
- Now Matthew's words are in the Bible so we can know exactly what Jesus said and did!

Use props act out story – working, selling (produce etc) paying tax from the money – basic concept.

\*Doll :-Matthew

\*Bags of money

\* Table

\*Several dolls or children with two coins each.

Talk about what their job is:

"I sell vegetables, bags of corn, coats I make, etc etc"

**\*Show Matthew how much money you made – two coins. Take one coin for taxes. Protest – “but then I won’t have enough to feed my family” etc.**

**Taxes have to be paid first!**

**Matthew has lots of money.**

**He is not happy inside.**

**Jesus comes past**

**Matthew, come and follow me.”**

**Look at all the money – what will Matthew do?**

**Here is an opportunity to sow the thought that money doesn’t make us happy.**

**Following Jesus makes us happy.**

- **Show a scroll (make one) that Matthew would have written what he learnt about Jesus.**
- **Show where Matthew’s words are in the Bible.**

**A good heart listens**

**A good heart obeys God’s words – Doing what is good and right, being honest and kind – like Jesus.**

**Activity: Shape of foot – cut out with verse on it.**

**Jesus said “Follow me.”**

**Matthew 4 verse 9**

**Small book of story to take home.**

**Teacher will use: Noah's Ark Extra CD**

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**3. The Birds up In The Tree Tops**

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**24 Caterpillars Surprise**

Puppet to tell **each child** by name "...Jesus loves you"  
Props and activities are prepared for you and will be in class.

**Teacher Preparation:** Learn memory verse.

Jesus said "Follow me."

Matthew 4 verse 9

Please ensure:

\*New people fill out enrolment form.

\*The Roll is ticked

\* New people get CD pack

Children take home: Book: "Matthew Follows Jesus" By Jill Kemp.

Thanks to all our awesome helpers!

# 1. Noah's Ark

Jill Kemp

Mother and father:

Kangaroo

Monkeys Hurry...

## Chorus

I'm so glad God said you aughta  
hammer fists in arch direction to beat  
Build a boat where there's no water  
Noah made a boat of wood  
Just the way God said he should  
I'm so glad the sunshine came  
x wrists open large  
And God made rainbows after rain  
touch fingertips over head

Zebra

Bull and Cow ... Hurry...

## Chorus

Billy Goat

Chicken

### 3. The Birds Up In The Tree Tops

Source unknown.

Words adapted by Jill Kemp

**The birds up in the tree tops**

bird beak actions

**Sing their song**

**Early in the morning**

**And all day long**

**The flowers in the garden show**

*arms wave above head*

**God's love to you**

*point other person*

**So why shouldn't I**

point to self

**Why shouldn't you**

point to others

**Praise God too**

clap

# 12. J.O.Y.

Source unknown – adapted by Jill Kemp 2005

Noah's Ark

## J.O.Y

form letters with hands or use letters

## J.O.Y.

### The Bible teaches me

open hands

### Jesus first

point up

### Yourself last

point yourself

### And others in between

point to others

**J** - Jesus

**O** - Others

**Y** – Yourself

## 24. Caterpillar's Surprise

Noah's Ark 2<sup>nd</sup>. Edition

Unknown.

A fuzzy caterpillar

wiggle finger

Climbing up the tree

walk finger up arm

He wiggles long

wiggle finger big

He wiggles short

wiggle finger small

He wiggles right at me

wiggle towards nose

I put him in a box

forefinger into palm close fingers around

Don't go away – don't try

remove finger wave it

But when I opened up the box

open fingers one by one

Ooooh!

hands to face surprised

It was a butterfly

thumbs crossed make butterfly

Oh I could never make one

shake finger

Even if I try

palms open

Only God in heaven can make a butterfly

point upwards - thumbs crossed make butterfly