



## Sammy's New Friend

Read, Color and Answer the Questions

Sammy the squirrel loved exploring the mountains. One sunny day, he decided to go for a long hike. But as he climbed, he felt lonely. "I wish I had someone to share this adventure with," Sammy sighed. As he reached the base of the mountain, he spotted a bunny hopping by. "Hi, I'm Bella!" said the bunny. "Mind if I join you on your hike?" She asked.

Sammy's heart felt full. "I'm not alone anymore!" he cheered. Just like Sammy found a friend, we have a friend in Jesus. With Jesus in our hearts, we belong with Him and to Him! Jesus loves us and brings us into His family. With Him, we're never alone! I BELONG TO JESUS!

### Questions:

- What did Sammy love to do?
- Why did Sammy feel lonely?
- Who joined Sammy on his hike?
- How did Sammy feel then?
- Who is the friend who is always with us?
- How does that make you feel?
- Say, "I BELONG TO JEUS!"



I BELONG TO JESUS!

ONE THING  
I Belong To Jesus!

WHAT IF?

PART 2

Memory Verse

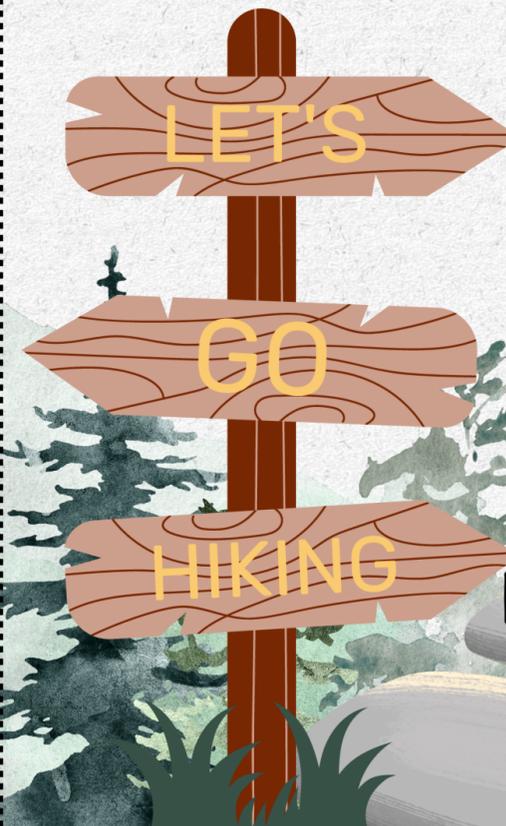
"... you have been called by God."

Ephesians 4:1

TAKE-HOME PAPER  
EARLY CHILDHOOD

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Story  
Life of Matthew  
Matthew 9:9-13



Dear Parents, This is week two of our series, What If? In this series, we will be learning about being called to live a rich and satisfying life by finding our identity and purpose in Christ. Today, we learned that we belong to Jesus through the Life of Matthew in Matthew 9:9-13. You can help your child continue to grow in their faith by helping them complete the provided activities at their own pace. It's fun, easy, and you will grow together! When your child completes it, sign the front and have them return it to class the following week for a prize.

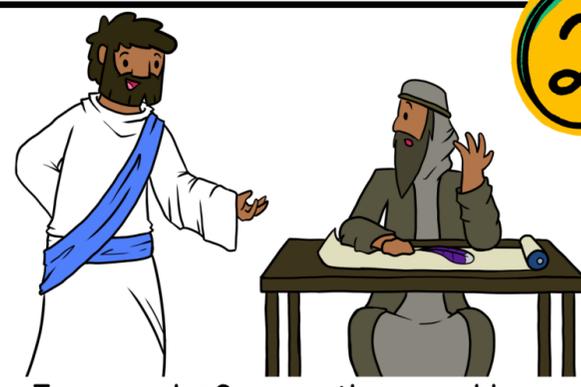
# Matthew Belongs to Jesus

Retold From  
Matthew 9:9-13



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One day, Jesus saw a man named Matthew. Matthew was sitting at a table, taking money from people.



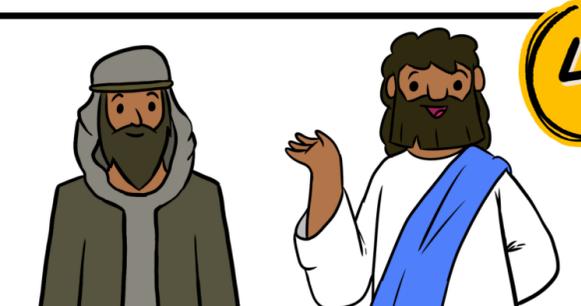
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Jesus said, "Come with me and be my friend." Matthew was so happy, he got up and went with Jesus.



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Later, Matthew had a big dinner at his house. He invited Jesus, Jesus' friends, and lots of other people, even some who made bad choices.



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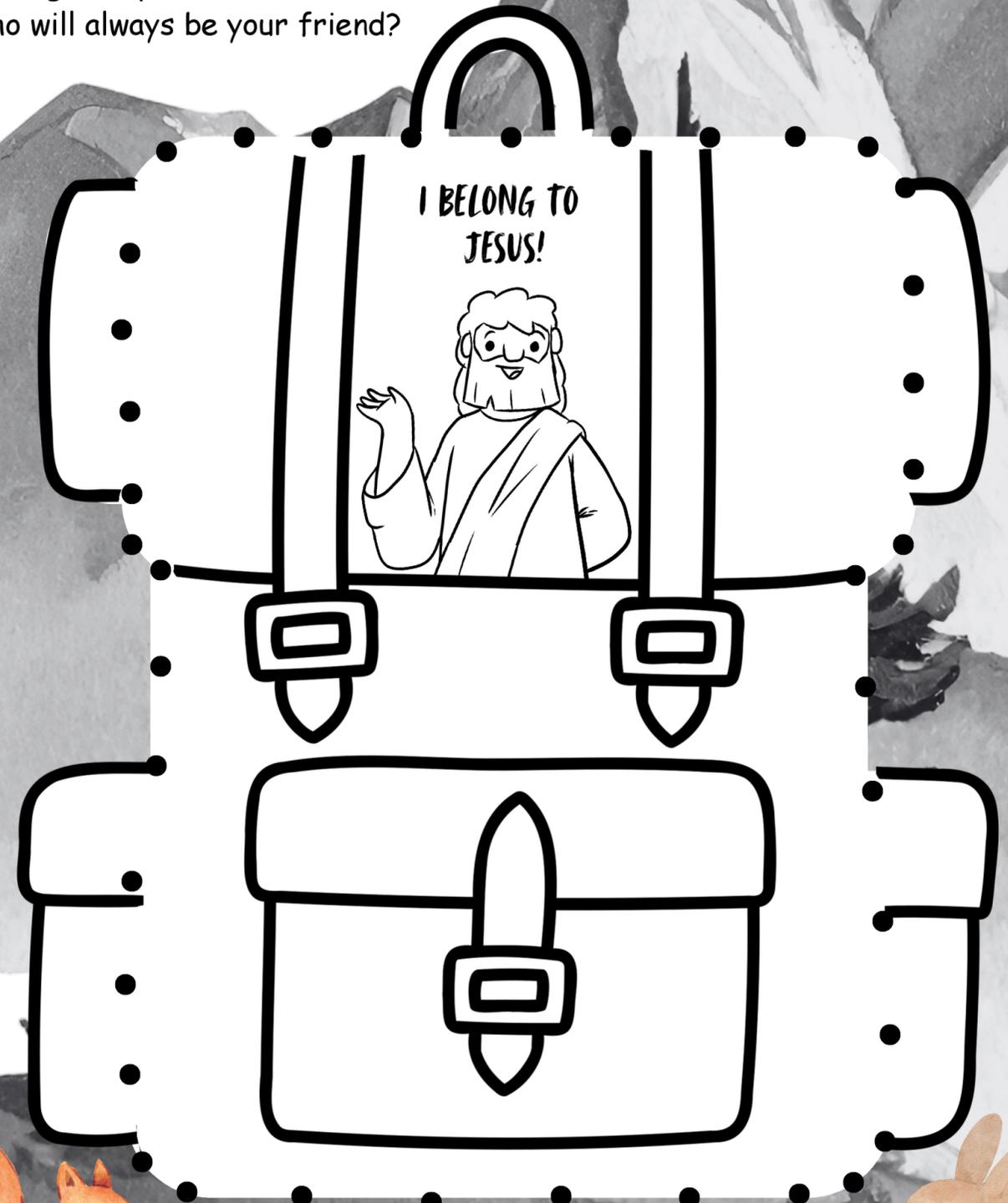
Some people asked, "Why is Jesus eating with them?" Jesus said, "I came to help people who need me, not people who think they're already good."

Jesus wanted to be friends with Matthew.  
Matthew wanted to follow Jesus and be with Jesus!

Jesus wants to be friends with you, too! When you follow Him, you belong to Jesus!

# Design A Hiking Backpack

- Connect the dots and color to create a hiking backpack.
- Who will always be your friend?



Memory Verse

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