

LOVING "BAD PEOPLE" CAN GET YOU INTO TROUBLE

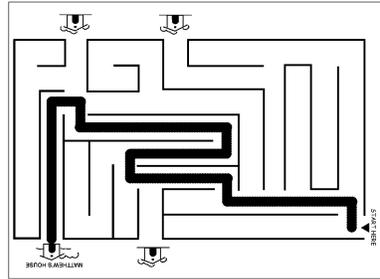
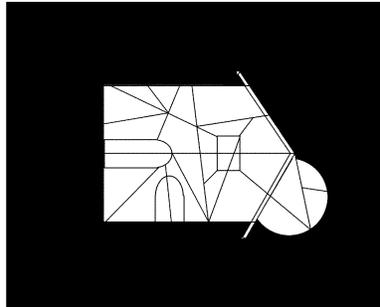
(*Capernaum, Galilee*) — Jesus found out that loving people who other people think are bad can get you into lots of trouble. Jesus saw a man who made his living cheating other people. Jesus wanted the man to start a new life and follow him. He asked the man to become one of his twelve disciples. The man's name was Matthew.

Matthew's friends, who also made their livings cheating people, found out what had happened. When Jesus and Matthew went to supper in the house where Jesus lived, these friends of Matthew all came too. Soon the whole house was full of men who had made money cheating other people. But now they were trying to find out how to change bad lives into good lives.

When some people from the church found out, they said to Jesus, "Making friends with cheaters will get you in trouble." Jesus said, "They need a friend. Somebody has to help them. That's why I let them come to dinner."

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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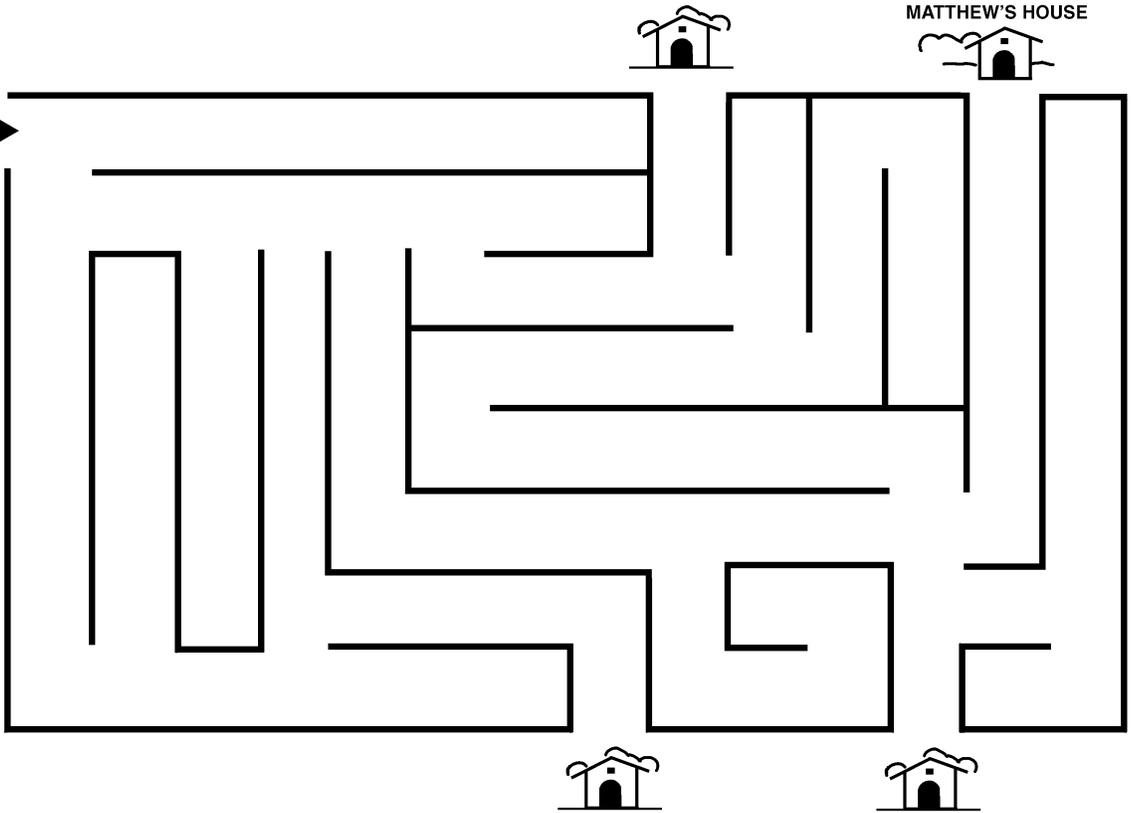
Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES
FOR CHILDREN



Follow The Path. Today's Gospel story tells about a time when Jesus went to eat a meal at Matthew's house. Help Jesus find his way to the house where Matthew lives. Draw a line with your pencil until you reach the right front door.

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Hidden Place. Today's Gospel story tells us that Jesus even loves people who nobody else likes. He took some men others thought were bad to somewhere special. Color or shade in all of the spaces with a dot to see what special place Jesus took these men.

