

answered the Pharisees himself. He said, "People who are healthy don't need a doctor. But those who are sick do. I didn't come into

this world to save people who think they don't have any sins. I came to forgive sinners and call them into God's kingdom."



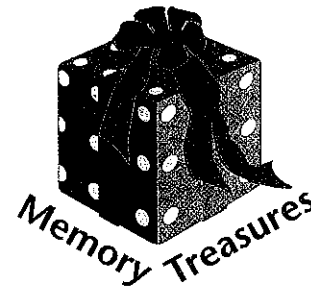
When Jesus called Matthew to be one of his disciples, Matthew eagerly accepted his invitation. Matthew left his job and everything he had to become a full-time worker for Jesus.

Jesus has also asked you to follow him. Perhaps you cannot leave your job and devote your life to the full-time ministry as Matthew did, but you can still be a full-time worker for Jesus—you can eagerly witness for Jesus in all you say and do.

Have you ever talked to your child about becoming a full-time worker for Christ? It is not too early to encourage him to think about using his talents in this way. Jesus is still looking for those who are willing to serve him full-time in his church. Jesus truly needs more pastors, missionaries, and teachers to spread the gospel message. But remember, whether your child becomes a full-time church worker or not, Jesus has asked him and each of us to be his witnesses.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for coming to be our Savior from sin. You have called us to tell others about you, their Savior. Help us share your saving Word with all who do not yet know you. Amen.



Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

* Romans 10:17

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

* Hymn 573:1

Hark! The voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I—send me, send me"?