



## THE CALL OF MATTHEW.

Matthew 9: 9-17.

### GOLDEN TEXT.

Follow me. Matthew 9: 9.

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(Will some one at home teach the child the lesson.)

## LESSON HYMN.

Help us, Lord, to follow thee;  
Gentle will thy guidance be,  
In the ways of truth and love,  
In the paths that lead above.

One day when Jesus was passing through a street in the city of Capernaum, where he made his home, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in his place of business receiving money, for he was a publican, that is, a collector of taxes. Jesus loved Matthew and wished him to be his disciple, so he beckoned to him, and said, "Follow me." Matthew left his business at once and went after Jesus. He became one of the twelve apostles and wrote the Gospel of Matthew. The picture shows him coming out of his office to meet Jesus when he called him.

One day Matthew gave a feast at his house. A great many publicans and sinners came to the feast and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. When some of the Jews, who thought themselves better than other people, saw the publicans and sinners at the feast, they said to Jesus' disciples, "Why does your Master eat with sinners?" Jesus heard them, and said, "I did not come to call people who think themselves righteous, but to call sinners to repent of sin."

What place was now Jesus' home ?

Whom did he see sitting in his office one day ?

What did he say to Matthew ?

What did Matthew do at once ?

What did Matthew give at his house one day ?

What kind of people came to this feast ?

What did some of the Jews say about this ?

How did Jesus reply to them ?

**Lesson Truth**—I should try to follow Jesus.