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## Jesus Calls Levi – Mark 2:13-17

One day, Jesus ran into a man named Levi.

Levi was a man who took money from people. He was a tax collector. Tax collectors sometimes took more money than they were supposed to.

Levi was not a very honest man.

But Jesus asked Levi to follow him anyway. Jesus invited Levi to eat with him.

Other people were shocked. Jesus should not eat with someone who was not honest and could not be trusted.

Jesus ate a meal at Levi's house with other tax collectors and people who were considered sinners.

Others were confused about why Jesus would do this. But Jesus invited even sinners to follow him.

Jesus wanted everyone to know that they are invited to follow and to be a part of God's table.

### Family Spiritual Practice

Read the story of Jesus and Levi together.

**Wonder:** How would you feel if Jesus invited you to dinner? How can you welcome people like Jesus did?

**Do:** Create a special tablecloth or placemats to remind you of today's story and how everyone has a place at God's table.

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you for loving us all. Help us make room for everyone at your table. Amen.

