

Matthew the Taxman

CREATIVITY



make and do



No maximum number
depending on adequate
supervision



10 minutes

Aim: This is a drama that will help the boys understand the story of Matthew the tax collector

Reader Matthew yawned, scratched his head and jumped right up in bed. Then he fell splat back into bed and pulled the blankets over his head.

Matthew Urgh, how dare my servants go and follow Jesus.

Reader Matthew worked down by the seashore. He bossed everyone about.

Matthew I'm important, everyone pays when I say.

Reader Everyone grumbled but no one dare argue with Matthew. Jesus walked along the beach to where Matthew was sitting.

Jesus You come and follow me.

Reader Matthew looked at Jesus and slowly go to his feet. He left the table piled high with money and followed Jesus. Matthew took Jesus home and made a great meal for him. All Matthew's friends came to meet Jesus. They learned that Jesus wants everyone to follow him – it does not matter how bad they have been in the past.

Matthew's Poem (Give each boy a separate line or separate paragraph)

Matthew he was a greedy man
He took money from everyone
Piled it high upon his desk
Didn't care about the rest

Line up, line up he shouted
I haven't got all day
Grumble, grumble went the people
Still they had to pay

Jesus walked along the line
Right to the front of the queue
No one said to him don't push
Because they loved him too much

Jesus said to Matthew
Come and follow me
So Matthew left his money
And took Jesus home for tea