

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Jesus accepts us when we know we're not good enough.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 9:9-13

Luke 7:36-50

Luke 19:1-10

Mark 2:14-17

John 4:1-10

John 4:11-30

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

If you only had 12 spots on a team and you were depending on this team to change the world what kind of people would you pick?

Describe the people who were most comfortable around Jesus. Describe the people who were least comfortable around Jesus.

What did the Pharisees really asking with this question: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

Who are the healthy? Who is the doctor? Who are the sick?

How sick do you have to be before you'll go to a physical doctor? How spiritually sick do you need to be before you'll be willing to take the medicine that God provides?

What does this phrase mean: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."?

Where do you need to find healing in your life? What is the first step that will move you toward healing?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for being approachable.

Agree with God that you are sick.

Thank God for the healing He desires to provide.

Ask God to heal you.

Ask God through His Holy Spirit
to convince someone you know that they are sick.

FAMILY RESOURCE

Big Idea:

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READ MATTHEW 9:9

What are taxes?

Why did Matthew leave his job and follow Jesus?

Play "follow the leader".

What parts of the game do you enjoy?

What parts don't you like?

READ MATTHEW 9:10

What do you like to share with others?

What did Matthew share?

Use the letters from the word SHARE
and think of something that you can share
that starts with each letter.

READ MATTHEW 9:11-12

What did the Pharisees think was wrong?

How is Jesus like a doctor?

Take your temperatures.

READ MATTHEW 23:25

What did Jesus say about the Pharisees?

Did the Pharisees need a doctor too?

Make an "emergency list" of phone numbers
to put on the refrigerator.

READ ROMANS 5:6-8

Who did Jesus die for?

Can you think of anyone that Jesus didn't die for?

Add to your "emergency list" of phone numbers.

Include people/organizations you can call
when others need help.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Jesus did many other miraculous _____ in the presence
of his _____, which are _____ recorded in this _____.

But these are _____ that you may _____ that
_____ is the _____, the Son of _____, and that by
believing you may have _____ in His _____."

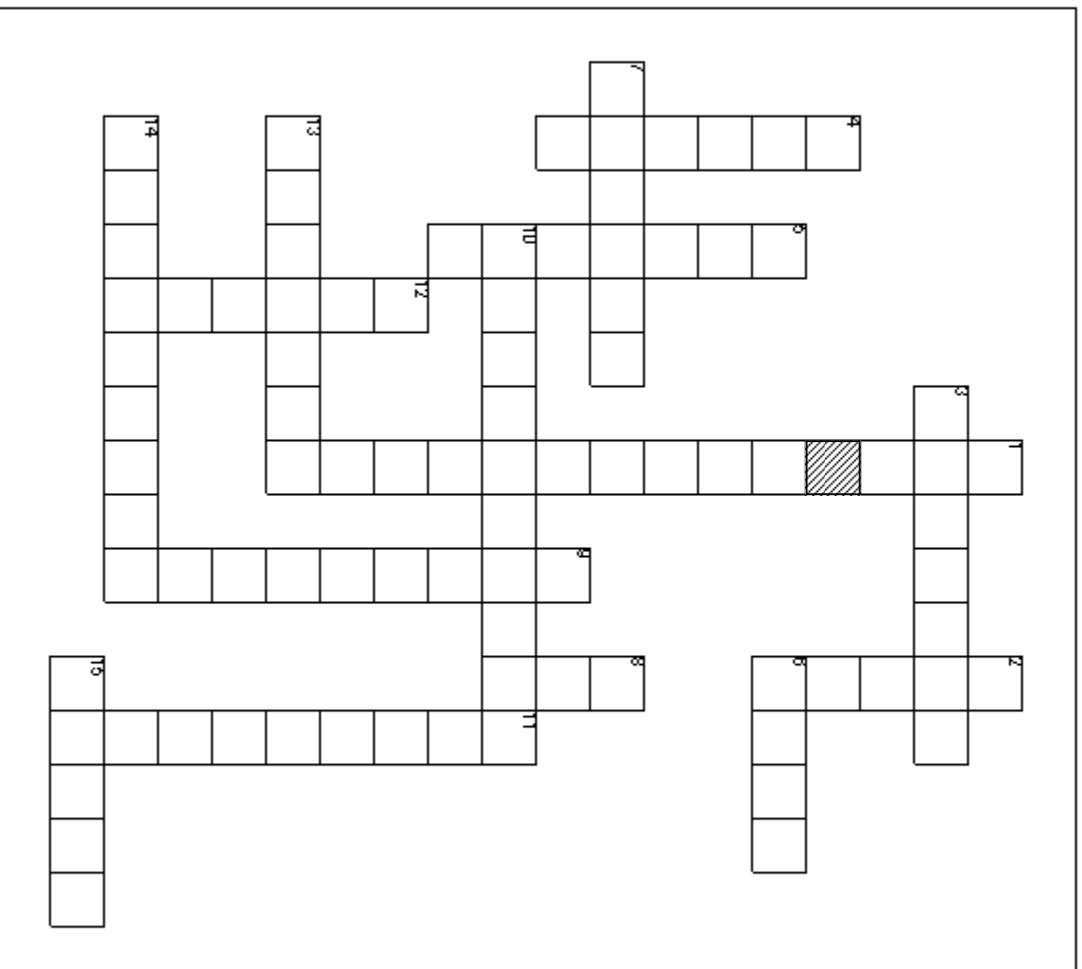
John 20:30-31

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Jesus Loves Sinners

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



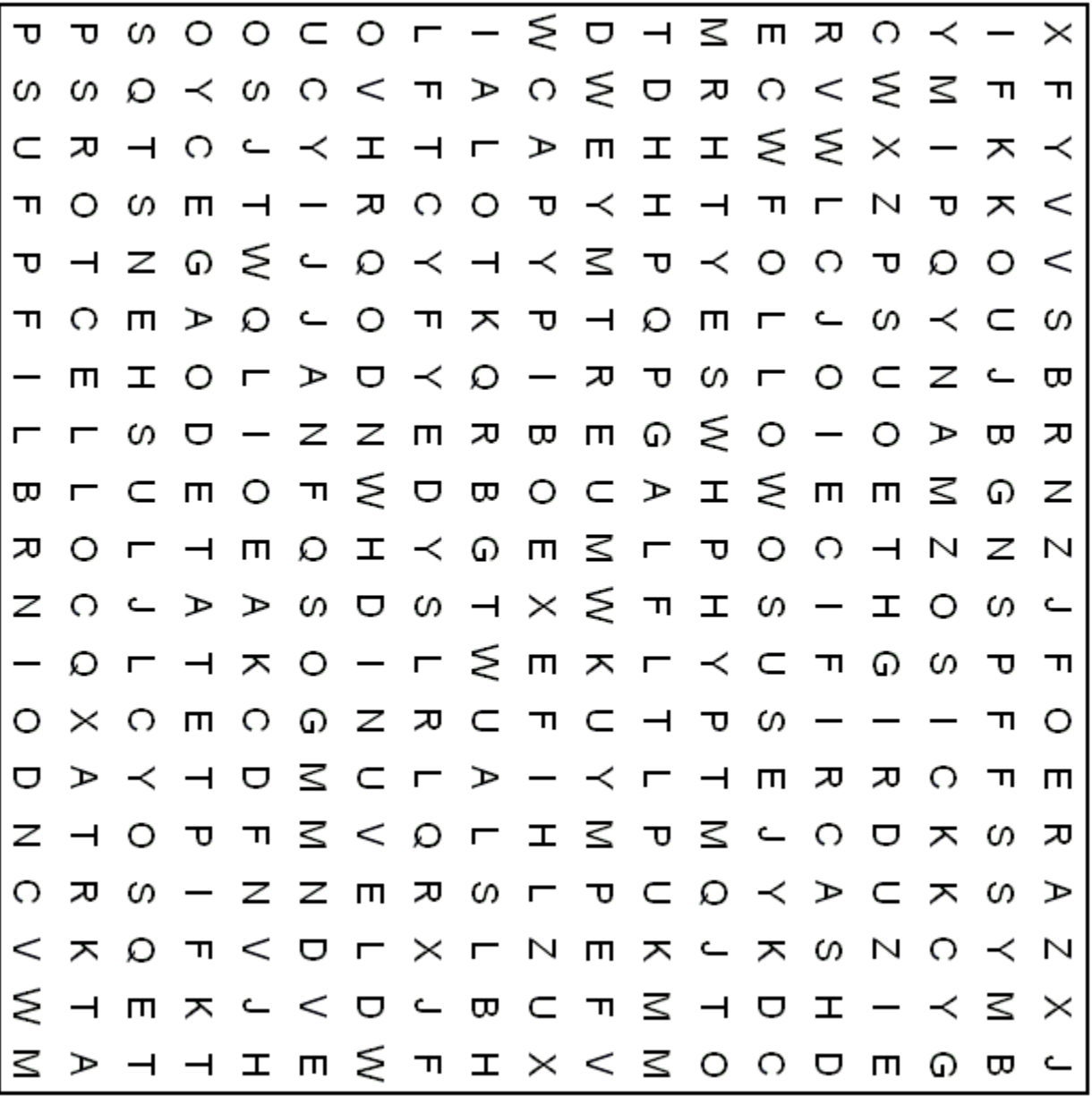
Across

3. a tax collector (Matthew 9:9)
6. not well (Matthew 9:12)
7. what Jesus wanted Matthew to do (Matthew 9:9)
10. people who look good, but aren't (Matthew 23:27)
13. people who do bad things (Matthew 9:10)
14. they studied the law (Matthew 9:11)
15. undeserved kindness (Matthew 9:12)

Down

1. people who take money for the government (Matthew 9:11)
2. God's son (Matthew 9:9)
4. a person who helps people get well (Matthew 9:12)
5. well (Matthew 9:12)
8. what you did with your food (Matthew 9:10)
9. those who do good (Matthew 9:12)
11. an offering to God (Matthew 9:12)
12. the evening meal (Matthew 9:10)

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tax collectors

mercy

follow

hypocrites

pharisees

Jesus

dinner

ate

sick

Matthew

doctor

healthy

righteous

sacrifice

sinners

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1. NENRDI -----
2. ATWETHM -----
3. FAIEICSRC -----
4. USJSE -----
5. AHELTYH -----
6. ERUHOSIGT -----
7. AET -----
8. PSEESHAR -----
9. RECMY -----
10. CHPOYESTR -----
11. RNSSIEN -----
12. FWLLOO -----
13. TOCDRO -----
14. CKSI -----
15. TSLEATCLOXROC -----