

# Jesus—Friend of Sinners Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** Jesus came for sinners.

**SuperVerse:** “I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” Matthew 9:13b (NLT)

**Bible Story:** Matthew 9:9–13; Mark 2:13–17; Luke 7:36–50, 14:15–24

## Game Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App
- Dominoes, building blocks, or “Jenga”-style blocks—one per child plus extras
- Table
- Three index cards
- Marker
- Painters or masking tape
- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk

## Teaching Materials Needed:

- Padlock and key (matching set)
- Three other keys of any shape and size; must not fit the lock
- Key Page
- Cardstock—one sheet
- Pencil
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Scissors
- Table
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

## Discipleship Challenge materials:

- Disciple Card for children who missed Lesson 1
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1

## SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

## Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Jesus did not come to Earth to be king and to be friends with important people or religious leaders. He came for sinners.

- Superbook takes Joy, Chris and Gizmo to witness three Bible stories: the parable of the great supper (banquet), the calling of Matthew the tax collector, and the woman caught in sin. Joy is surprised to see Jesus spend time with sinners, tax collectors, the poor, and those with disabilities. She decides to become more like Jesus by following His example.
- In today’s Bible Background video, we’ll learn more about banquets, hosts and guests in Bible times, as well as how Jesus was a friend to sinners—even when it offended important religious leaders.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** Proper Perspective (15 minutes)

*Objective:* Play a game to see our need for Jesus.

- The religious leader who invited Jesus to his house was full of pride and did not see Jesus as God’s Son. He did not treat Jesus with respect and gratitude. In this game, you will be able to see Jesus as greater than yourselves. He must be high and lifted up at all times!

*Game Instructions:*

- In this relay game, players from two teams will build two towers: a “Me” tower and a “Jesus” tower. The “Jesus” tower can only be built by removing dominos from the “Me” tower.

**Teaching:** Just Admit It! (15 minutes)

*Objective:* Discuss everyone’s need for Jesus.

- Jesus came for sinners. He came for all who know they are sinners. Once we admit our sin and trust in Jesus, He forgives us, cleanses us, and unlocks Jesus’ righteousness in our lives.

*Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)*

- The craft is a Disciple Card. The challenge is to learn 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and spend time with God, believers and others.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Made Right (5 minutes)

*Objective:* Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- God created us to be like Him; pure and holy. Sin messed that up, but Jesus makes us righteous or right with God again.
- In this activity, you are going to unscramble the three lines to make the verse right again. You will unscramble one line at a time from the jumbled words.

**Prayer:** First Step Prayers (5 minutes)

*Objective:* Communicate with God.

- The first step to being righteous in God’s eyes is to admit we are sinners and need Jesus’ help. This is the key that unlocks the door to forgiveness.
- Close your eyes and confess silently to God anything that you believe you have done, or not done, to displease to Him. Take a step forward and ask God for His forgiveness through Jesus. If you sincerely asked God to forgive your sins, you are cleansed, and your sin is removed.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Active Game:** Play a game to be honored and humbled. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

**Seeking Game:** Play a game to find who Jesus came to save. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Coloring Activity:** Color a scene from the Bible story. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Bible Activity:** Race to find verses about our need for Jesus. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min