

FOUNDATIONS: BIBLE, THE GOSPELS, THE CHURCH AND MATTHEW

 **DIRECTIONS:** FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO COMPLETE EACH ACTIVITY.

PART 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the sentences below using the word bank:

1. The Bible is made up of _____ books divided into the Old and New Testaments.
2. The word _____ means “Good News.”
3. The Bible was written by men who were inspired by the _____.
4. Matthew was a tax collector, a group often associated with _____.
5. Matthew wrote his Gospel to show that Jesus is the _____, the Savior.
6. The _____ of Scripture refers to the collection of books accepted as God’s Word.
7. Matthew’s Gospel shows how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament _____.

WORD
BANK



Sinners
Gospel
Canon
Holy Spirit
66
Messiah
Prophecies

PART 2: BIBLE VERSE REFLECTION

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

– 2 Timothy 3:16

What does this verse tell us about the Bible?

PART 3: MATCHING GAME

Draw a line to match the term with its meaning:

TERM	MEANING
Canon	Savior
Holy Spirit	The collection of books in the Bible
Prophecy	The Helper who inspired the writers of the Bible
Messiah	A message from God
Gospel	Good News

PART 4: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Answer the questions below (written or discussed as a group):

1. How did Matthew know what to write in his Gospel?

Answer: _____

2. Why did Matthew focus on showing that Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies?

Answer: _____

3. How does Matthew's story show us how Jesus sees people differently than others do?

Answer: _____

PART 5: CREATIVE CHALLENGE

Draw a picture of one of the following:

- Matthew leaving his job as a tax collector to follow Jesus
- Jesus sitting and eating with Matthew and other sinners
- Matthew writing his Gospel, inspired by the Holy Spirit

