

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/atLjfnkxVRo>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/mIFCLSU9Me4>

Worship Theme: Jesus changes our lives.

Memory Verse: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. I Will Follow Jesus <https://youtu.be/aasilZXGorc>
2. He Came to Give Us Life <https://youtu.be/PXQCMUWh9RY>
3. Lord I Confess to You <https://youtu.be/cNotlSrjHl0>

Pray

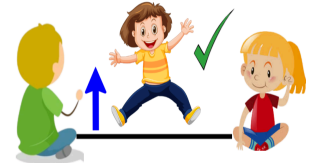
Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Hight Jump"

Material needs: Rope



1. Divide the children into 2 groups and select 2 children from each group.
2. Let the two selected children from each group do the rock paper scissor and let the winner play first.
3. The losing team will squat and hold the rope from knee high and all the member from the winner group will jump over the rope without touching it.
4. If no one touches the rope, they move the rope higher (waist high, the armpit, neck, ear, etc). If they touch the rope, the whole team will lose the game.
5. Switch the team to play.
6. The team who got to the higher level than the other team will win the game
7. After the game, explain to the children that even if we are too short to jump high, Jesus still loves us and helps us.



Introduction:

Have you ever stolen the money from your mom? Have you ever stolen your friend's snack? Your friend's pencil? Or have you ever gotten mad at your friend when they took something from you? Today, we will learn about a man who changed from being greedy to generous after meeting Jesus!

Bible Story:

Today's bible story is about a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector which meant he was a Jew who took money from other Jewish people for the Roman government and kept some money for himself. In order to get richer, he would take more money from people so that he can keep more money for himself. That is how he became rich. Although he was rich, people hated him.

One day, Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was coming to his town. He wanted to see Jesus but he was afraid that all the taller people would block his view. Zacchaeus was a very short man. Zacchaeus decided to climb up a tree so that he could clearly see Jesus.

Jesus knew Zacchaeus was in that tree. He knew that Zacchaeus' heart was dry and hard. Jesus knew Zacchaeus was greedy and mean about taking people's money. But Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus and smiled! Jesus said he would go to Zacchaeus' house to eat. People were surprised because Jesus wanted to eat with a sinner whom they hated. People thought they were better than Zacchaeus, but in the eyes of Jesus, they were all in need of Jesus. While Jesus was with Zacchaeus, he changed Zacchaeus' heart. Zacchaeus felt bad about all the money he had taken from others. He wanted to pay back all the extra money he had collected. Meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus!

Jesus can make greedy people generous, and he can make mean people nice. Jesus changes lives because he is God's Son and he loves us. When we understand how much Jesus loves us, we want to change by loving others too!

Questions to discuss:

1. What does Zacchaeus do as a chief tax collector? (As a Jew, he takes money from other Jews to give to the Roman government but he also keeps some money for himself.)
2. What did Zacchaeus do to see Jesus because he was short? (he climbed on a tree)
3. What did Jesus do when he met Zacchaeus? (he asked to eat at Zacchaeus' house)
4. What did Zacchaeus do after he changed from meeting Jesus? (He wanted to give back all the extra money he took from people)
5. In what areas do you need help from Jesus to change? (be more kind, patient, nice, etc.)

Game: "Break the Egg"

Materials Needed: eggs (or small fruit), empty water bottle, tape, kroma, table, flour



1. Have all the children stand in line.
2. After blindfolding the first child, the teacher will tape the egg (or small fruit) to the table. The child who is blindfolded needs to use the empty water bottle to hit the egg that is taped on the table.
3. Each child gets one chance to hit.
4. For each child, the teacher needs to tape the egg on a different part of the table.
5. If the child cannot hit the egg, the teacher will put flour on their face.
6. After the game, explain to the children that Jesus wants to change us so that we can have better lives like how the teacher changed the position of the eggs.

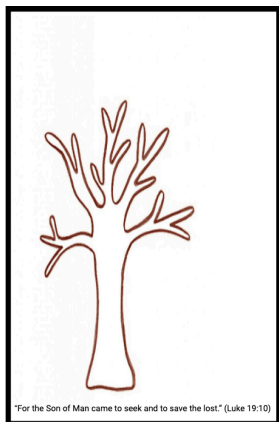


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Craft: "Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree to See Jesus"

Materials Needed: Print craft sheet, green paper, scissors, glue, crayon



1. Give the printed craft sheet to each child.
2. Have them color the tree, Zacchaeus, and Jesus.
3. Have them cut out the box with a tree, Zacchaeus, and Jesus.
4. Cut strips of green paper and glue them into circles. Then glue on to the tree. Do this until the tree looks full.
5. Then glue Zacchaeus to the green leaves.
6. Glue Jesus next to the tree.
7. Have the children read and memorize the memory verse.



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus doesn't force anyone to follow him. He wants us to love him as he loves us. Jesus repeatedly confused the "clean" and "righteous" people by taking special notice of "sinners" such as Zacchaeus. We sing songs about Zacchaeus being a "wee little man," but the truth is that he probably wielded great power over others as a chief tax collector. He was also "unclean" for cooperating with the Romans. Yet Jesus dared to eat with the unclean Zacchaeus and to declare that the hated tax collector was also a "son of Abraham." What does this tell us about God? He loves and always desires to bring sinful people to faith in him. Perhaps this account of Jesus and Zacchaeus can give us reason to think again the next time we dare to think ourselves better or "cleaner" than someone else.

Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree to See Jesus



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