

Kindergarten-2nd



March 2-3, 2013

DATE

Jesus and Zacchaeus

LESSON TITLE

Luke 19:1-9 (Pg. 1224 NIV)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus' love changed Zacchaeus

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

***This is a **brand new template!** Check out the Small Group section to see how it's changed. Instead of Question/Activity columns, we combined all of small group into one section. Just follow the instructions in chronological order! We hope you'll find it simpler than jumping from column to column.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they got a smiley face ring!

large group heads up

Today we're talking about change and how Jesus' love changed Zacchaeus! Read Luke 19:1-10 to brush up on the story ahead of time.

**If you've got extra time at the beginning or end, play the song from the LAST slide in the Keynote. We're not singing it in large group, but it's a fun song that retells Zacchaeus' story!*



instructions

Goal: to retell the story and apply it to kids' lives

Why? One of the things this story shows is the appropriate response to Jesus' love—the response we should all have.

Tip: Go through the objects in order. Pull them out one by one...and make sure you get them back at the end!

small group

CONNECT

1. Tell me your name and one way you've changed! (can be anything—an example from large group is fine, but help kids think of new ideas, too. ...like how time made them grow taller, medicine made them healthy, or even Jesus' love made them start treating others better, or obeying their parents, etc. ...like Zacchaeus!)

REVIEW ACTIVITY

SAY: Remember, Zacchaeus in our story changed, too! Let's see what we can remember about Zacchaeus.

2. Pull out the following items from a bag in order and ask kids what parts of the story it reminds them of:
 - a. **Ruler**--He was short.
 - b. **Fake dollar bill** (any amount)—He stole people's money.
 - c. **Angry face image**—People were mean to him; nobody liked him.
 - d. **Tree**—Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed a tree.
 - e. **Fake food**—Jesus went to HIS house for dinner!
 - f. **Heart**—Jesus LOVED Zacchaeus.
 - g. **Smiley face eraser**—Zacchaeus was changed by Jesus' love: he started being nice to people and became a part of God's family.

SAY: There are a couple more things in here, but you're going to have to wait to see them!

REVIEW QUESTIONS

3. How did Zacchaeus change in today's story? (was mean to others but started showing love)
4. What made Zacchaeus change? (finding out that Jesus loved him)

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5. How was Zacchaeus able to start being nice to people who were mean to HIM? (Zacchaeus knew Jesus loved him, even though HE had been mean)

SPECULATE/APPLY

6. Why do you think finding out that Jesus loved him made Zacchaeus change? (Discuss with kids; you can suggest that Jesus loves us all so much that he even died to rescue us—it's a love that is perfect and never hurts us; Zacchaeus had never experienced that before)
7. Hmm, let's see that LAST thing in our bag. (Pull out the **mirror**): What do you think this reminds you of? (That Jesus loves YOU, too!)
8. What's one thing you can change now that you know Jesus loves you? (try to get kids to give specific examples of changed behavior, like:
 - a. They disobeyed their parents last week, so they will say they are sorry
 - b. They were mean to a sibling, so they will give that sibling a hug to show love
 - c. They didn't share with a friend, so they will let that same friend go first)
9. Oh wait! (Rummage in the bag) I have ONE more special thing in this bag! To remind you that YOU are loved by Jesus this week, I have a smiley face ring for each of you! (Pull out the **smiley face rings**). Wear it and remember that Jesus loves you—and that you really *can* show love to others. Jesus' love changed Zacchaeus. And it can change us!

***Pray together, thanking Jesus for his love and asking him to help you each show love to others this week (try to refer to specific examples the kids have given).**

****If you have extra time, practice retelling the story! Be creative! Here are some ideas:**

- Give each kid a prop, go around the circle in the order the props are listed above, retelling the story.
- Ask if there is one kid who can retell the story at "lightning speed." Have kids compete, but remind them of salient details (Zacchaeus was changed by Jesus' love!)
- Have kids use the props and act it out together.

special notes

Today, we're telling the story of Zacchaeus because we want kids to see that Jesus' love changes us!

presenter tips

Before kids come in, hide the blanket and pillow, so when you pull them out as props, they'll be surprised. And when you use them in the Intro Game, be as **DRAMATIC** as you can. The more over-the-top you are, the more engaged kids will be!

script

WELCOME

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club! So great to see you! We've talked about how treating Jesus as our King is even **BETTER** than finding an **AMAZING** treasure! And today, we're going to hear a story that shows us how great Jesus' love can be. See, when we treat Jesus as King and *know* we are loved by him, we change!

INTRO GAME

But before we get started, let's talk about some little ways we change. Let's play a little game to help us think about what it means to change!

First, pretend I am very, very cold. (Shiver, be dramatic; then grab the **blanket** from where it is hidden behind the stage). Well, if I put on a blanket... (Say, "ahhhh!" and pretend to have warmed up completely.) I **CHANGE!** How do I feel now? (Let kids say: "warm!") That's right!

How about if I'm really, really hungry? (Rub your stomach) My belly hurts because I want food! (**Show picture of food.**) Well, then, I eat a **HUGE** meal! After that, I **CHANGE!** How do I feel now? (Let kids say: "full" or "stuffed") Yep, I felt hungry, but after eating I changed--and felt full!

Well, what if I'm tired (yawn and stretch) and I lie down for a nap (be dramatic—take the **blanket** and **pillow** and lay down on the stage—you can even pretend to snore!) Then I wake up! I felt tired...but I **CHANGE!** Now how do I feel? (Let kids say: "awake" or "not tired.") Yes, and today we're going to hear about a guy in the Bible who changed. But a blanket or food or a nap didn't change him—Jesus' love did! And this change lasted **FOREVER!**



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NOBODY LIKED ZACCHAEUS

(Show picture of Zacchaeus.) So let me introduce you to Zacchaeus. Can you guys say, “Zacchaeus”? (Let kids respond.) Now, Zacchaeus didn’t have many friends. He wasn’t nice to people. He took their money! And they weren’t nice to him either. Let me see your mean face (make a mean face and cross your arms). Oh, great job! You guys look pretty mean.

JESUS LOVED ZACCHAEUS!

Well, one day, Jesus went to Zacchaeus’ town. And guess what? Even though Zacchaeus wasn’t a very nice person, Jesus LOVED him! And when Zacchaeus realized Jesus loved him, he CHANGED! Let’s watch a video to see how Zacchaeus changed.

In the beginning, Zacchaeus was mean (make mean face) to everybody. As you watch, see if you can figure out how Zacchaeus treated people after he found out Jesus LOVED him!

Video: God’s Story / Zacchaeus

Wow, what a great story! So after Zacchaeus found out Jesus LOVED him, how did he treat people? (Let kids say: “nice” or “he loved them” or “he gave them back their money,” etc.) Yes, when Zacchaeus realized Jesus LOVED him, he started loving OTHERS!

ZACCHAEUS LOVED OTHERS

(Show image of Jesus and Zacchaeus.) After Jesus was nice to Zacchaeus and went to his house, Zacchaeus knew what it felt like to be loved. It felt good! So he CHANGED! Instead of being mean (make a mean face), he started being nice to other people! Let me see your nice face (make a silly grin and a couple of thumbs up—let kids follow suit). Wow, great job!

When Jesus loved Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus started loving others! Give somebody next to you a high five because that’s pretty awesome!

JESUS LOVES US!

Now, I want YOU guys to stand up if Jesus loves YOU. (Make sure every kid stands or is invited to stand.) That’s right, Jesus loves ALL of us, just like Zacchaeus! Even if we’ve been mean like Zacchaeus or if nobody else likes us, Jesus LOVES us! Let’s yell—as LOUD as we can—“Jesus loves me!” Ready? 1-2-3: (Yell “Jesus loves me” with kids).

WORSHIP

Now let’s sing together and thank Jesus for loving us and always being with us!

Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (do hand motions while kids watch)
Song: Bravery (live lyrics with hand motions)

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PRAY

Ask somebody to come and thank Jesus for loving all of us, no matter what we've done.

EXTRA SONG

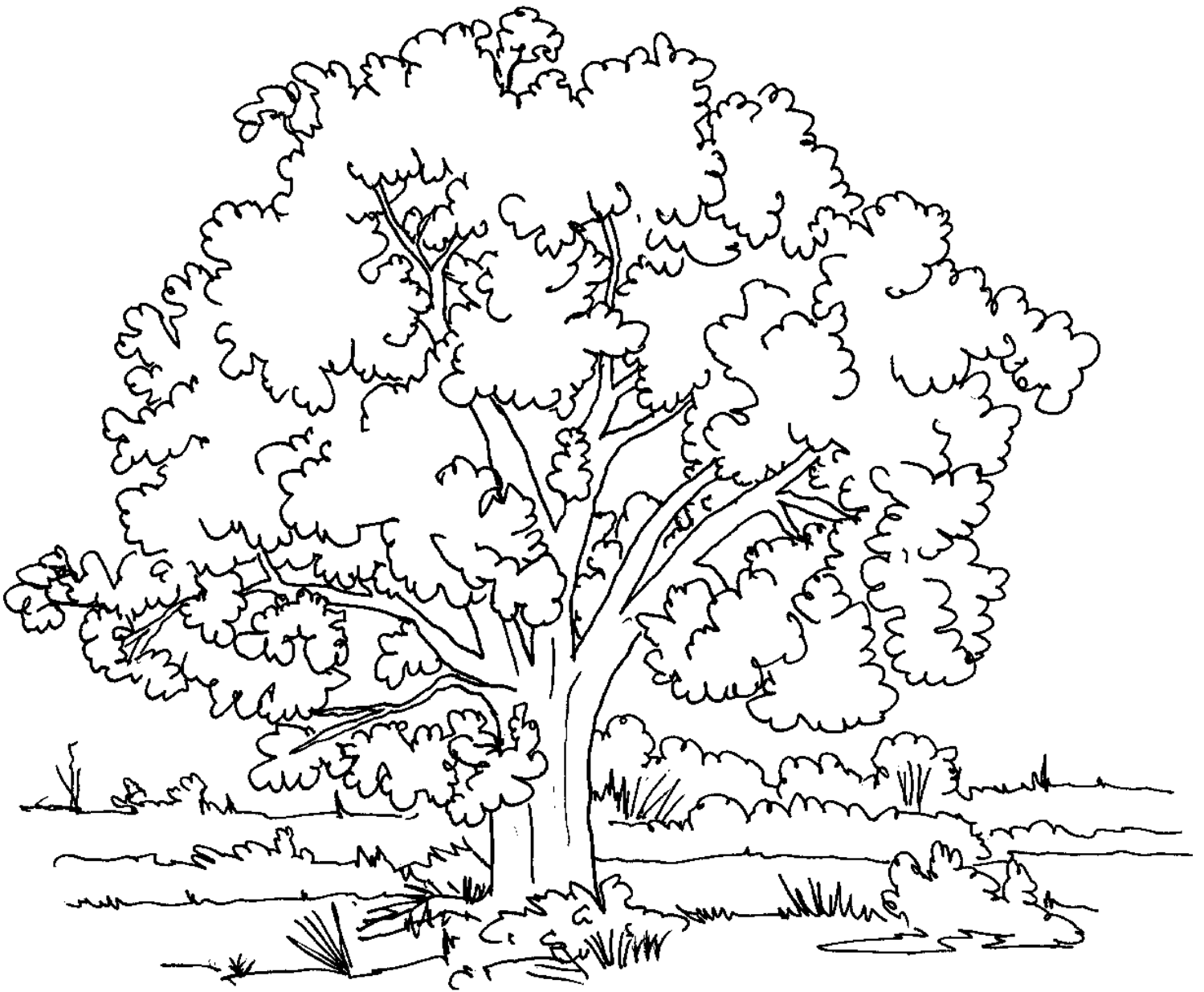
(The LAST slide in your presentation is for room leaders to play at the beginning or end of the service to retell the story. If you have extra time and want to try playing it for the kids—or are in a room that doesn't allow music during small group very easily—feel free to play it before the kids leave! It's called "The Ballad of Zacchaeus.")



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages

Per small group:

1 brown paper bag with the following items:

- Ruler
- Fake dollar bill (any amount)
- Small printed image of an angry face (image in curric. folder)

- Small tree (OT: IN-34/1635)
- Fake food (any item/can be different for each)
- Heart (small red “spongy” ones)
- Smiley face eraser
- Small mirror (or piece of mirror paper)

Per kid: smiley face ring (OT: IN-24/1164)

large group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (Pg. 1224)

One blanket (any style/type, can just be large piece of cloth)

One pillow

a/v needs

1. Image: feast (image in curriculum folder)
2. Image from JSB: pg. 265 (Zacchaeus: please cut off text and bottom half of page where people are pointing; use only top half)
3. Video: God’s Story: Zacchaeus
4. Image from JSB: pg. 271 (Jesus and Zacchaeus shaking hands)
5. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (animated version)

6. Worship Video: Bravery (live lyric version)
7. Extra song: The Ballad of Zacchaeus (mp3 can play on blank slide / available on crossroadskidsclub.net—just click on “music” and scroll down to song; then click “download”)

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Zacchaeus.

How did Jesus’ love change Zacchaeus?

parent page

Zacchaeus is a man who was changed by Jesus’ love. Ask your kid to tell his story. Kids also got a ring to wear home to help them remember that Jesus loves them...and that love changes us! You can read about Zacchaeus together in Luke 19:1-10 in the Bible, or check out a video of the story at crossroadskidsclub.net.