



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 11

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite thing to climb?

GAME: Hide and Seek the Sweets

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO SERVES

Read Worship Scripture: Luke 15:7

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS SEEKS AND SAVES ZACCHAEUS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus' visit to the home of Mary and Martha in Bethany.

Today, we will hear how Jesus came to stay at the home of Zacchaeus. Point to Jericho. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 19:1-10. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE US

Why did Zacchaeus climb the tree? (To see Jesus over the crowd.)

If Jesus came to your street, how would you see over the crowd? What did Jesus tell Zacchaeus as He called to him in the tree? ("Come down, immediately. I must stay at your house today.")

What did Zacchaeus do when Jesus called to him? (He came down at once and welcomed Jesus gladly.) **How would you feel if Jesus called your name and said He was coming to your home today?**

The people called Zacchaeus a sinner because as a tax collector he cheated people out of their money. What does it mean to be a sinner? (A sinner is one who sins. To sin is to do wrong in God's eyes.) **Was Zacchaeus the only sinner in the crowd?** (No, everyone sins.)

After meeting Jesus, how did Zacchaeus change? (He gave to the poor and paid back four times what he had taken.) **"Repenting" is turning away from doing wrong in God's eyes and choosing to do things God's way instead. In our Bible Memory Verse Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." To deny yourself is to say "no" to doing things your way. How did Zacchaeus deny himself?** (He gave to the poor and repaid those he cheated.)

When we repent and follow Jesus, He forgives us of our sins. Jesus calls all who need to be saved from their sins, "the lost." Until we decide to repent, we are all like lost sheep that have wandered away from their shepherd. Those who follow Jesus are like found sheep that are now saved.

If time allows, play GAME: TURN OVER A NEW LEAF located in the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus is called the Son of Man. Who did the Son of Man (Jesus) come to seek and save? (The lost.)

To "seek" means to search for something or someone. Since we can't find our own way to God, Jesus came searching for us to forgive us for our sins and make a way for all who would follow Him to live forever close with God. Reveal Psalm 119:176. Read.

How are those who don't follow Jesus like lost sheep that have wandered away from their shepherd? How is Jesus like a shepherd searching for lost sheep to save?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: New Leaf
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus calling to Zacchaeus in the tree
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Zacchaeus' Figs

GAME: Turn Over a New Leaf Relay

CRAFT: Seek and Save Verse Tree

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Come, Follow Me; The Wave
BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW