



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 11

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Lesson Aim: To see Jesus transforms us.

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 TRANSFORMED 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 Zacchaeus' home.

Point to Jericho. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 19:1-10.

Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Luke 19:1-10. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS TRANSFORMS US

What did Zacchaeus run to do to see Jesus? (He ran to climb a tree to see Jesus over the crowd.) **Is there a place you go or something you do to make certain you have time with Jesus?**

If Jesus came to your street, would you try to see Him? Why?

What did Zacchaeus do when Jesus called to him? (He came down at once and welcomed Jesus gladly.)

The people described Zacchaeus as a sinner because as a tax collector he cheated people out of their money. After meeting Jesus, how did Zacchaeus change? (He gave half his money to the poor, and He paid back four times the amount he had taken.) **How does**

this act show you Jesus had transformed Zacchaeus' heart? Has Jesus ever changed your heart in a big way?

Zacchaeus repented; he turned away from doing wrong in God's eyes (sinning) and chose to do things God's way. Repenting is what Jesus was talking about in our Bible Memory Verse: "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." **What does deny yourself mean?** (To say "no" to doing things your way.) **How did Zacchaeus deny himself?** (Gave half his money to the poor, repaid those he cheated.)

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

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Who did Jesus say He came to seek and save? (The lost.) **What do you think Jesus means by "the lost?"**

Until we decide to repent and follow Jesus, we are all like lost sheep that have wandered away from our shepherd. Jesus, our Lord, is our shepherd. Those who are following Jesus are like found sheep that are now saved because they are walking with their shepherd. Let's see how this prayer asks God to be our shepherd. Reveal Psalm 119:176. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Let's take a moment of silence to think about ways you may have strayed from the Lord's way of doing things. Take this time of silence to ask God to forgive you and to lead you as shepherd leads a wandering sheep. Picture the changes Jesus can make in your life as He did with Zacchaeus! Lead silent prayer.

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

CRAFT: Seek and Save Verse Tree

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW