

February 25, 2024

Monthly Bible Story: Zacchaeus • *Luke 19:1-10*

Bible Words: “Be kind and loving to each other.” Ephesians 4:32, NCV

Bottom Line: Jesus loves everyone.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Story Time

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What You Need: Preschool Bible and “Story Pictures” Activity Pages copied on cardstock

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What You Need: Preschool Bible

LEADER:

“Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible *(hold up the Bible)* begins with a man named Zacchaeus. *(Hold up the picture of Zacchaeus.)* Zacchaeus made some bad choices and took money that was not his. *(Hold up the picture of Zacchaeus with lots of coins and angry people around.)* This made people angry.

“Jesus came to town, and Zacchaeus went to see Him. But Zacchaeus was too short, so he climbed a tree and was able to see Jesus. *(Hold up the picture of Zacchaeus in the tree and Jesus next to the tree.)* And Jesus saw him! Jesus went to Zacchaeus’ house, and they had a meal together! Jesus loved Zacchaeus and wanted to be his friend forever. *(Hold up the picture of Zacchaeus and Jesus in front of his house with hearts.)* *(Draw a heart around both Jesus and Zacchaeus.)* Jesus was so kind and loving to Zacchaeus that it made Zacchaeus want to be kind and loving to other people. And guess what? Zacchaeus was so happy that Jesus loved him and was his friend, that he gave back to the people the money he had taken from them. *(Hold up the picture of Zacchaeus with happy people around holding coins.)* Jesus loved Zacchaeus. And Jesus loves you too—no matter what! *(Hold up the picture of a heart.)* **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone.”**