



Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

MAIN POINT: MEETING JESUS CHANGED ZACCHAEUS FOREVER.

Jesus was traveling through Jericho, where a man named Zacchaeus lived. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, and he was very rich.

When Jesus came into town, a large crowd gathered to see Him. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus too, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed into a sycamore tree.

When Jesus came by, He looked into the tree and saw Zacchaeus.

“Come down, Zacchaeus,” Jesus said. “I want to stay with you today.”

Zacchaeus hurried down from the tree. But everyone who saw this complained.

Later that day, Zacchaeus told Jesus, “I will give half of everything I have to the poor.”

Jesus told Zacchaeus, “Today you have been saved. You have shown that you are one of God’s people.”

Jesus said, “I have come to seek and to save the lost.”

Christ Connection: Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He came after us—sinners who do not deserve Him—and He rescues us from sin. Jesus died on the cross for our sin, and He is glad when we repent and trust in Him.

MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14:6

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who did Jesus say He is? Jesus said He is the Messiah.

BIBLE STORY:

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- Zacchaeus was a tax collector who stole money from the people.
- Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus as He passed through the city.
- Meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus forever.
- Jesus came to save sinners like Zacchaeus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did the people grumble when Jesus stayed with Zacchaeus?
- How are we like Zacchaeus?
- How has Jesus changed our lives forever?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Start a coin collection with your family. Collect all the loose change in your home. See if any coins found are rare by searching the Internet for the kind of coin and the year it was minted. Talk to your kids about the value of trusting Jesus.