



**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS**

**WITH MRS. RENEE**

## **Zacchaeus: When We Spend Time with Jesus, He Changes Us!**

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### **READ:**

Luke 19:1-10

**CHOOSE FROM SOME OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:**

### **MOSAIC HEART**

Do a mosaic heart on the sidewalk with chalk or on a window or glass door with washable paint or glass chalk.



Using painter's tape (or any other easily removed tape), make the outline of a heart. Using the tape crisscross the heart to make a bunch of different sections. Color/paint the different sections. Remove the tape. Here are a couple of sites/videos to help you out:

<https://pin.it/3mwdOv7>

<https://pin.it/2uUWgoU>

As you begin to color the blank heart, say this:

- **Jesus didn't change the way Zacchaeus looked. He changed his heart.**
- **Zacchaeus cheated people**
- **Zacchaeus lied**
- **Zaccheaus was unkind to his neighbors**
- **Wonder about what makes your hearts ugly**
- **Wonder about what Jesus and Zacchaeus talked about, what words they used**
- **Plan ways that you individually and as family can spend time with Jesus**

After your heart is completed say this:

- **When Zacchaeus was around Jesus, when we are around Jesus, he changes our hearts. Just like this heart was blank and now is beautiful!**

Close with a prayer thanking God for loving you and changing each of you into beautiful reflections of God's divine love.

## STRIKE A POSE GAME

**SAY:** *Zacchaeus wasn't a very nice man, but he changed when he met Jesus. Today, we're learning that when we spend time with Jesus, he changes us (clap it and say it again).*

Have everyone spread out.

**SAY:** *I want each of you to strike a pose. You can hold your hands up high above your head like a ballerina, crouch down like a tiger, or choose any pose you like. When I count to 3, freeze in your pose!*

Compliment everyone on their creative poses.

**SAY:** *Keep holding your pose and listen to me while I sing. Every time you hear the word Jesus, change your pose to match mine.*

Sing Jesus Loves Me or any other song that has Jesus' name in it several times. Here are the words to Jesus Loves Me:

*Jesus Loves Me, this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to him belong  
They are weak but he is strong  
Yes, Jesus Loves Me  
Yes, Jesus Loves Me  
Yes, Jesus Loves Me  
The Bible tells me so*

Take turns who leading the poses and singing. Sing the song faster or slower for added fun.

After playing the game several times, talk about this:

- **What was it like to change your poses in this game?**
- **How was changing poses like when Jesus changes you?**
- **When we are around Jesus, we might change naturally. Sometimes, changing might feel a little harder. But, when Jesus changes us, it is always for the good. Like Zacchaeus, when we spend time with Jesus, he changes us (clap it and repeat it)**

## CLIMB A TREE

Find a tree or the tall part of a playscape and climb it together. Look out and talk about what you can see from this point of view that you couldn't see before.

Wonder about:

- **What is it like to be short in a crowd of people?**
- **What did the tree look like that Zacchaeus climbed?**
- **How did Zacchaeus feel when Jesus called his name?**
- **What people in the crowd said when Jesus went to Zacchaeus' home?**
- **What did people do or say about Zacchaeus's change and giving back the money he stole?**

## COLOR ZACCHEAUS

Color the picture of Zacchaeus on the next page. Draw in Jesus and the crowd below. Use the wondering questions above as you color.

# Zacchaeus

