

# DAY 4

- ▶ **BIBLE STORY:** Zacchaeus, Part 2, Luke 19: 8-9
- ▶ **BOTTOM LINE:** I can have confidence because I can change because Jesus loves me.
- ▶ **LIFE APPLICATION:** Confidence = Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

## BORAX CRYSTALS

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- ½ cup Borax
- 3 cups boiling water (*Keep out of the reach of the children.*)
- Pipe cleaners
- Cookie cutters (*in any shape you like*)
- Thin ribbon or string
- Popsicle sticks or pencil (longer than the mouth of the jar)
- Mason jar or any quart size jar
- Scissors



### WHAT YOU DO:

*If you need additional help with this project, check out the video on our website. ([www.leanderumc.org/vbs](http://www.leanderumc.org/vbs))*

- **Step 1:** Take a pipe cleaner and bend it around the cookie cutter you've picked. Once the pipe cleaner is wrapped around the outside of the cookie cutter, twist the two ends together. Cut off the excess. For additional dimension, twist a second pipe cleaner on the inside of the cookie cutter. Connect the two with a piece of the pipe cleaner that you cut off.
- **Step 2:** Tie one end of a piece of thin ribbon or string around your shaped pipe cleaner.
- **Step 3:** Hang the string over a popsicle stick, and dangle the pipe cleaner inside mason jar. You can grow crystals on two pipe-cleaners in one jar.
- **Step 4:** Boil a pot of water.
- **Step 5:** Mix ½ cup of borax and 3 cups of boiling water until the borax is completely dissolved.
- **Step 6:** Pour the boiling water into the mason jars until the tops of the pipe cleaner shapes are covered. The crystals will grow on the ribbon as well, so don't fill the jars completely.
- **Step 7:** Repeat the process if you want to grow multiple crystals, in multiple jars.
- **Step 8:** Wait 24 hours and check, you should have crystals! Remove, pat dry with a paper towel, and enjoy.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"It's amazing to watch things change and grow. God wants us to change and grow as we follow Him. We learned in today's lesson that meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus. In what ways have you changed while doing Press Play VBS? (*allow for responses*)"

**[Make it Personal Parents:]** (*Talk about a time in your life when you changed as a person because of Jesus.*)

Let's say today's **[Bottom Line]** together: **"I can have confidence because I can change.**

### MORE QUESTIONS:

- “Have you ever climbed up a tree?”
- How far could you see?
- What do you think it would be like to meet Jesus like Zacchaeus did?”

## I SPY CHANGE: FAMILY NATURE WALK

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper
- markers or crayons

### WHAT YOU DO:

- As a family, go on a nature hike in your neighborhood or local natural space. Look for things that change.
- As you go, have the kids draw pictures of the things you spy that change. Older kids can make a list.
- You can prompt the kids with questions like:
  - ◆ Do you see differently colored leaves?
  - ◆ Do you spy a butterfly?
  - ◆ Are there flowers in various stages of bloom?
  - ◆ Do you spy any baby animals?

### WHAT YOU SAY:

“Change is all around us. We see change in creation everyday—like the flowers that bloom and the sun moving across the sky. We can see change when we spy baby birds in their nest one day and then an empty nest the next. God’s creation is amazing! It changes to match the seasons. We change too! Our physical bodies change as we grow, and our hearts change as we get to know Jesus—just as Zacchaeus did in our story today. We can have confidence because we can change!

Let’s repeat our bottom line together: **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I can change.**”

**END BY RECITING THE MEMORY VERSE:** “My Command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12