

Zacchaeus Does What Is Right



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Child's Name _____

Dear Parent,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your child. Today we learned that Jesus loves everybody. It doesn't matter what we did or what people think of us, Jesus still loves us. Zacchaeus was a man that was not liked by very many people. Jesus wanted to spend time with Zacchaeus and be his friend. Because of Jesus' love, Zacchaeus wanted to correct his mistakes and show others love, too! We can help and love others too!

Goal:

Each child should know that God sent His only Son, Jesus, because He loves us.

Scripture:

John 3:16, "God loved us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus."

Song:

Zacchaeus Come Down, sung to the tune of **Jingle Bells**

Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus

Was a little man

Climbed up in a sycamore tree

To see Jesus was his plan

"Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus"

Jesus started to say,

"Come down from that sycamore tree. *Motion hands to come down.*

I'm coming to your house today."

Hold hands together to indicate small

Reach arms up and motion as if climbing

Place hands over eyes

Place hands around mouth as if calling

Activity Suggestion at Home:

You can purpose to share something of yours with your child this week (i.e., time to read a book, perfume or cologne, etc.). Explain to your child that when you love someone you want to spend time with them and give them what you have. Jesus gave Zacchaeus love and friendship. Zacchaeus was then able to give love and friendship to others. Pray with your child and don't forget to say the words, "I forgive you" after any correction needed this week. Let your child know that you love them.

Little children learn through simplicity and repetition. For this reason, we have provided you with the picture on the reverse side of this paper and the words to today's song. We encourage you to use the Bible verse, song and the picture as a daily reminder of the lesson taught today.