



BIG IDEA

Jesus rescues us.

GOD STORY

Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10)

KEY VERSE

Jesus Christ has rescued us. (From Galatians 3:13)

MUSIC

"Jesus Is Alive!" (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

1 | Start

FIND ZACCHEUS SUPPLIES

- Tree pictures
- Zacchaeus picture

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the tree pictures on a table or the floor. Hide the Zacchaeus picture under one of them.

FIND ZACCHEUS INSTRUCTIONS

- Let the children know that a picture is hidden under one of the trees.
- Guide them to take turns looking under each tree.
- When they find the hidden picture, tell them that the man's name is Zacchaeus.
- Explain that in today's story from the Bible, Zacchaeus climbs a tree so that he can see Jesus.
- Direct the children to turn around and close their eyes so they cannot see you.
- Hide Zacchaeus under a different tree.
- Keep playing as long as the children are interested.
- To wrap up, let them know that Jesus wanted to spend time with Zacchaeus! Jesus loves us and wants to spend time with us, too.

PUZZLE SUPPLIES

- Zacchaeus puzzle

PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS

- Guide the children to put together the puzzle pieces. Help them if needed.
- Describe how Zacchaeus climbed a tree so that he could see Jesus (see Luke 19:1–10).
- Ask: Would you climb a tree to see Jesus?
- Remind the children that Jesus loves to spend time with us—just as he spends time with Zacchaeus in today's story!

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.



3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Large craft or construction paper
- Marker
- (Optional) Scissors
- Sticky notes

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Draw a large cross shape on the paper or cut out a large cross shape.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Ask: What would you like to talk to God about? Do you want to thank him for something or someone? Would you like to tell or ask him something?
- Write the children's prayers on sticky notes and put them to the cross.
- Pray together using the notes as prompts.
- Place the cross where your family will see it often and be reminded to pray together.

4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Zacchaeus activity pages
- Colouring materials

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each child an activity page and some colouring materials.
- Show them that there are pictures on both sides of the page.
- Encourage everyone to use plenty of different colours on their pages.
- As they colour, review the story. Remind the children that Jesus loves them! He wants to spend time with them, just as he spent time with Zacchaeus.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Matching verse words plus extra Easter-related words
- Plastic Easter eggs
- Key Verse sign

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Fold one set of words and place them in the eggs.
- Hide the eggs around the room.
- Spread out the matching words on a table or the floor.
- Place the sign where everyone can see it.

TIP

- These supplies will be used again on Good Friday and Easter.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Direct the children to find the hidden eggs.
- Once they're all found, open them and remove the words inside.
- Match up the two sets of words.
- Place the words of the Key Verse in order. Use the sign as needed.
- Say the verse together a few times.