

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY GUIDE

TODAY'S STORY: Zacchaeus

TEACHING TRUTH: Jesus came to seek and save the lost

ACTIVITY 2: STORY REVIEW — Zacchaeus, come down!

SUPPLIES: A sturdy chair

- 1. Choose someone to be Zacchaeus and have that person stand or sit on a chair in the middle of your room.
- 2. Everyone else will stand around the chair chanting:

Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus Please come down, Please come down Jesus wants to see you, Jesus wants to see you Please come down, Please come down

- 3. At the end of the song, help Zacchaeus come down off the chair. Let each person take turns being Zacchaeus.
- 4. Remind everyone that though Jesus knew Zacchaeus was a sinner, Jesus loved him and wanted to spend time with him. Jesus told him to come down out of the tree. Zacchaeus listened to Jesus and came down.

ACTIVITY 2: TEACHING TRUTH REVIEW — Jesus came to seek and save the lost

SUPPLIES: Construction paper, scissors

- 1. Take a sheet of red construction paper and cut out a heart.
- 2. When your child is not looking, hide the heart somewhere in your home. (Optional: If you have more than one child, you can hide one heart for each child or have them all look for the same heart.)
- 3. Have your child search for the lost heart.
- 4. Once your child finds the heart, talk about how he was searching for the heart since it was lost, just like Jesus seeks after us. Remind your child that Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

ACTIVITY 3: MEMORY VERSE REVIEW – Matthew 19:14 – Musical Shapes

SUPPLIES: Memory verse song (on the Preschool Kids Kit page), paper (one piece per person), markers/crayons

- 1. If you have different colors of paper, draw different shapes on each page with a black marker, or cut them into shapes. If you only have white paper, draw different shapes on each page using different colors.
- 2. Make a circle on the floor with all the pieces of paper and have each person stand on one page.
- 3. Explain that they are going to sing along with the song and walk on the pages as the music plays.
- 4. When the song is at the end of the verse, stop the song. Each person should be standing on one page.
- 5. Call out a color. Whoever is standing on that color will shout out the verse address (Matthew 19:14).
- 6. Repeat until all colors have been called. If you want to keep practicing, continue playing the song and call out different shapes when you stop the music.