

2-3 Year Olds

Bible Story: Zacchaeus is Sorry, pp. 358-361

Topic: Zacchaeus

Memory Verse: "Jesus . . . went about doing good," Acts 10:38

Group Activity: Action Play – Zacchaeus Hid – see page provided in bin.

Songs:

Special Snack Idea : Hors d'oeuvres for Zacchaeus' party – Easy Squirt Cheese on crackers

Art: Invitations Envelopes 2 ink pads 4 stamps to decorate invitation/envelope 1 cent stamps Colored markers	Children make an invitation for Zacchaeus to invite his friends to meet Jesus. Place in envelope. Leaders help address the envelope Children place a stamp in the corner
Blocks: Plastic cars Road rug	Children play with plastic cars and road rug and pretend to go to Zacchaeus' house.
Home Living: Cash register Play money	Children pretend to be a tax collector like Zacchaeus by playing with the register and money.
Puzzles/Games: Matching Half Puzzle Stacking Cups Tree Shaped Lacing Cards Ordering Flowers – small to large Zaccheaus – shortest to tallest sorting	Teachers help children play with puzzles and games
Nature/Science: 3 posterboard trees Newsprint folded in half 1 Set of fat crayons for "rubbing"	Children make crayon rubbings of trees by inserting the posterboard tree between the newsprint and rubbing the entire surface with an unwrapped fat crayon
Books: Books about Trees, Zacchaeus Books about Jesus and his ministry <u>What Mommies Do Best</u> *Mother's Day <u>Don't Wake Up Mommy</u> *Mother's Day	Teacher and children read the story books

Zacchaeus Is Sorry

Children's Discovery Bible
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Zacchaeus was a tax collector, but he wasn't honest. He made people pay too much tax money. Then he kept some of the money for himself. This made Zacchaeus rich, but he did not have many friends.

Zacchaeus heard Jesus was coming to town. Everyone was talking about the great stories Jesus told and the wonderful things He did for people. So Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus too.

When someone cried, "Jesus is coming!" a great crowd of people went out to meet Him. Everyone in town wanted to see Jesus. Zacchaeus was very short. He could not see over all the people. So Zacchaeus climbed up a tree beside the road and waited.

Soon Jesus came walking by the tree. Jesus stopped and looked up. He saw Zacchaeus and said to him, "Come down from that tree! I am coming to your house for a visit today!"

Zacchaeus climbed down right away. He led Jesus to his house. The other people were surprised. "Jesus is going to visit the home of a bad man." they said.

But Zacchaeus was sorry he had been bad. He let Jesus know how sorry he was. "I will give half of everything I have to poor people," said Zacchaeus. "And I have taken too much tax money from some people. So I will pay them back four times as much."

Jesus was happy to hear what Zacchaeus had to say. Jesus knew Zacchaeus was really sorry for all the things he had done wrong. He said to Zacchaeus, "I came to help people like you."

Bible story from Luke 19:1-10