Hurry down

Everything you need to share Zacchaeus Meets Jesus at home this week: a few minutes for you, a few minutes with your kids, and simple ways to keep the story going at the table, in the car and at bedtime.

Read Luke 19:1–10 before the kids wake up, or during nap time. (Luke 19:1–10)

Zacchaeus was rich, important and alone. He climbed a tree, which no grown man of his position would do in public, because something in him wanted to see Jesus badly enough to look foolish.

Jesus stopped under that tree and said his name. Not “sinner,” not “tax collector.” Zacchaeus. Then He invited Himself over.

Notice the order. Jesus’ welcome came first; Zacchaeus’s generosity came after. Grace didn’t wait for change. Grace caused it.

We often try to change our kids from the outside in: better behavior, then closeness. Jesus works the other way. Lead with welcome, by name, and let the change grow from there.

REFLECT

Where are you waiting to ‘clean up’ before coming to Jesus? Which of your kids needs welcome before correction this week?

PRAY

Jesus, you call me by name and come to my house anyway. Change my heart from the inside, and help me lead my kids with your welcome. Amen.

THIS WEEK WE'RE LEARNING



Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

Luke 19:1–10

Jesus came to find the lost.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
Luke 19:10

ASK AT DINNER

How has knowing Jesus changed our family?

PRAY

Jesus, thank you for knowing our names and coming to find us. Change our hearts. Amen.

✂ Cut here. One card for the fridge, one for the car.

CAR-RIDE CARD



On the way

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus · Luke 19:1–10

Listen: Play the Listen version of Zacchaeus Meets Jesus on the way.

ASK

1. Why did Zacchaeus climb a tree?
2. What did Jesus say to him?
3. How did Zacchaeus change?

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

Keep the story going

BEDTIME ROUTINE

Lantern-out in five steps



1. Lights low. Play the Listen version of Zacchaeus Meets Jesus (Little for ages 3–5, Big Kid for 6–9), or read it from the app.
2. Ask one question: “Who did you see today who might feel left out?”
3. Say the verse together with the motions: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
4. Pray: “Jesus, thank you for knowing my name and loving me. Amen.”
5. Lights out. You can say: “God is with you, even in the dark.”

KITCHEN

Tree snack

Make a tree with a pretzel-rod trunk and broccoli or grape leaves, and hide a small ‘Zacchaeus’ cracker in the branches.

LIVING ROOM

Hide in the tree

One person hides somewhere ‘up high’ (on the couch). The ‘Jesus’ walks by, stops, and calls them by name.

ANYTIME

Giving jar

Start a family giving jar this week and choose together who to give it to, like Zacchaeus did.

IN THE CAR

Car-ride story

Play the Listen version, then ask: “Why did Zacchaeus climb the tree?” and “How did he change?”

SIBLINGS

Two ages at once

The older child plays Jesus and calls the little one down from the ‘tree’ by name.

ZACCHAEUS MEETS JESUS · STICKER CHART

My changed-heart week

Each day, do one thing Jesus would do, like Zacchaeus after he met Jesus. Add a sticker or color a leaf!

Monday	Idea: Give a toy or coin to someone who needs it	
Tuesday	Idea: Make something right with a friend	
Wednesday	Idea: Invite someone left out	
Thursday	Idea: Share without being asked	
Friday	Idea: Say sorry and mean it	
Saturday	Idea: Help clean up for someone	
Sunday	Idea: Thank Jesus for knowing my name	

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:10

ZACCHAEUS MEETS JESUS · MINI-BOOK

Make a mini-book

Print the next page on one sheet (landscape, actual size). One sheet folds into an 8-page book kids can “read” to siblings and grandparents.

STEP 1

Fold

Fold the sheet in half the long way, then in half twice more the short way, so you have 8 little panels. Unfold.

STEP 2

Cut

Fold it in half the short way again. Cut along the middle crease from the fold to the center, just one panel deep.

STEP 3

Open

Unfold. Fold the long way again and push the ends together so the cut opens into a diamond.

STEP 4

Flatten

Keep pushing until it flattens into a little book. The cover is on the front. Read it together!

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

This book belongs to _____

In the town of Jericho lived a man named Zacchaeus.

But the crowd was big, and Zacchaeus was small.

Jesus walked down the road with people all around Him.

Zacchaeus was so happy.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:10

Jesus came to find the lost.

Zacchaeus stood up.

Trace the big idea

Trace the letters with a crayon or pencil. Then say it out loud!

JESUS CAME

TO FIND THE

LOST.



Jesus came to find the lost.

Paying back four times



Zacchaeus paid back four times what he took. Roll four coins and put one on each circle. Count them out loud!

1 2 3

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“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10