

LOL Family Ministry Take Home Lesson

Ms. Tonya & Ms. Becky have put together a story & activities that can be done together while the LOL Kids are part over the next few Sundays! Take some pictures while you are doing the activities and send post them on our LOL KIDS Facebook Page- Linked on the email. We want to see all our friends having fun!!!

We will miss our families and look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

This week's lesson is about- Zacchaeus

Bible Verse- Luke 19:1-10

Wonder Question? Why did Jesus go to Zacchaeus's house?

Story Summary: Today's lesson gets us closer to our destination of Jerusalem (and Easter Sunday) as Jesus enters Jericho. By this time, Jesus' name was famous and people wanted to see and hear this man. Zacchaeus was no different. We remember this story mostly for Zacchaeus's short stature, but really he was much more than a short man who had to climb into a tree to see Jesus. This story has a much deeper meaning. It was assumed by others that Zacchaeus was a cheater, because most tax collectors were. He was considered a sinner who also worked for the Roman government. Though he was wealthy, he stood outside of the social acceptance of his people. Jesus' interaction with him shows that Zacchaeus was pleased that Jesus wanted to come to his house. He does not seem to think Jesus is coming to demand anything from him. In fact, Zacchaeus offers to give back anything if he has taken anything wrongly. Additionally, he offers to give to the poor. Zacchaeus's offerings are not what bring him salvation. It is Jesus who brings him salvation. Jesus came to bring salvation for the rich and the poor. All are in need of a Savior.

Story- See attachments/ Links [zacchaeus story](#)

Questions for Family Discussion:

1. How tall are you?

2. Can you show me how tall you are by getting up on your tiptoes?
3. Have you ever wanted to see something, but you were too short to see it?
4. Have you ever been to a parade and someone had to lift you up above the crowd so you could see what was happening?
5. Have you ever had to stand on your tiptoes in order to see the menu at a restaurant?

Think it through..... It can be frustrating when you aren't tall enough or something is blocking your view. If we want to see something better, we have to get up higher, don't we? So, that's what Zacchaeus did.

In our story today, we heard that Zacchaeus felt the same way we do. He was trying to see Jesus as he came into his town. But other people had heard about Jesus, too, and they were blocking the view.

1. Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so badly?

Zacchaeus had heard stories about this man, Jesus. He had been traveling all over Galilee healing people, doing miracles, and teaching his followers. He had even raised someone from the dead! That's pretty amazing!

2. Why do you think Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus's house?

We know Jesus wanted to go to his house because he called his name! That's our memory verse for today. "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today" (Luke 19:5b)

Craft- Trees Supplies: Paper/ markers/ crayons/ (optional- torn paper/ glue)

Directions- Trace (draw a line around) your arm and hand on a piece of paper to become a tree. The arm will be the trunk and the fingers will be the branches. Have the children color the tree and branches. Optional- Color and tear leaves to add to the tree.

Take it another step- Cut out the trees. If you have multiple people in your house who did the craft....are some trees taller than others? Why would some trees be taller?

****Just like in the story...**Some people are shorter or taller. If a taller person traced their arm- it is likely longer to match their body.

Deeper Discussion:

1. How do you think Jesus knew who Zacchaeus was?
2. Why do you think Zacchaeus was happy to welcome Jesus?
3. Would you be excited to have him come to your house?
4. What if Jesus knew you were someone that others didn't like? Would you be worried that Jesus might not like you either?

Object Lesson- Jesus Shakes up Zacchaeus' Life- Jesus Loves us all and came to save us all.

Supplies:

1 clear jar with lid (mason jar/ peanutbutter jar/ etc)

1 large marble or small round rock

1 cup filler - corn meal/ rice/ sand (enough to completely cover the marble in the jar.)

Cup to pour filler into jar without spilling.

Details-

When we meet Zacchaeus in the story it does not seem like he has many friends. He is eager to see this man called "Jesus" and even climbs a tree to see over the crowd. Zacchaeus has no idea that Jesus even knows who he is and I imagine he is very surprised that Jesus calls him by name. Zacchaeus can not imagine how his life will change from Jesus coming to his house. Jesus really shakes his world when he treats Zacchaeus the same as everyone else and shows him love. This object lesson is about shaking things up,

Directions-

1. Measure out the filler you will use (sand/ cornmeal/ rice) About 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups.
2. Make sure your jar has the lid off.
The jar is like Zacchaeus' life, very empty.
3. Place the marble/ rock in the bottom of the jar.
The marble is Zacchaeus alone in his world.
4. Pour the filler over the marble until it is totally covered / use all the filler.
The filler represents all of the mistakes made and stolen money Zacchaeus has taken over the years. It literally covers him up. It seems impossible that Zacchaeus could change his life.
5. Place the lid back on to the jar and tighten securely.
The lid going on the jar is Jesus stopping all the crazy in Zacchaeus' life. Jesus has come to give Zacchaeus a new life with him.
6. Shake the jar- in a circular motion. ** Very important- do not changed directions of shaking.
The shaking is Jesus shaking up Zacchaeus' life and forgiving him all his mistakes. Showing him love.
7. Continue to shake until the slowly the marble surfaces on top of the filler.

The marble has reached the top- it is no longer buried under the filler. Zacchaeus is no longer buried under his mistakes. He is free and saved by Jesus. Zacchaeus feels the love and returns all the money determined to be a better person.

We have created a video for you to watch of the Object Lesson- It is posted on Facebook and youtube.

Song: You know we could not have the story of Zacchaeus and not have the Veggie Tale song> Here it is:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Zacchaeus+Song+YouTube&&view=detail&mid=00331D10DA4B39A2396D00331D10DA4B39A2396D&&FORM=VRD>

Video- We have linked a video of the story to the email for you to watch.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=zacheius+bible+story&qpv=zacheius+bible+story&view=detail&mid=1049A91E6B666A0B72941049A>

Activity- True or False

1. Zacchaeus was a tall man.
2. Zacchaeus was a rich man.
3. Zacchaeus climbed an oak tree to see Jesus.
4. Jesus was passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem.
5. Jesus didn't know who Zacchaeus was.

6. Zacchaeus jumped out of the tree so Jesus could see him.
7. Zacchaeus was well-liked by others.
8. Others thought Zacchaeus was a sinner.
9. Jesus refused to have anything to do with sinners.
10. Jesus thought it was okay for tax collectors to cheat people.
11. Zacchaeus didn't care whether he saw Jesus.
12. Zacchaeus was worried about having Jesus over to his house.
13. Jesus wanted to be friends with Zacchaeus.
14. Jesus wants to be friends with you.
15. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

Snack Idea- Pretzels and Grapes- Here is a great tree opportunity. Make a tree and take a pic!! We would love to see it!! If you do not have pretzels or grapes here are some other ideas- string cheese/ strips of bread with peanut butter/ cookies/ M&Ms/ olives/ nuts. Use your imagination!

Remember -God loves you no matter what and when we are struggling, he knows your name and loves you no matter what mistakes we make.

Ok- Don't forget to post some pictures of your Object lesson / snack