

May 17, 2026 - Week 3

Today's Bible Story: Zacchaeus • Luke 19:1-10

Jesus cares about you no matter what.

Key Question: Who does Jesus care about?

Bottom Line: Jesus cares about everyone.

Memory Verse: *How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.* • Ephesians 3:18
NIV

High in the Tree Zacchaeus Live for God | Application Activity *Made to Move*

***Uses Minimal Supplies**

What You Need:

- "High in the Tree Zacchaeus" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Butcher paper
- Washable marker
- Painter's tape
- Scissors
- Optional: The tree from "Match the Shapes" Activity*

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "High in the Tree Zacchaeus" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child. Draw a large outline of a tree and tape to a wall at child's height. Make a tape roll and place on the back of each cutout.

During the Activity: Encourage children to jump and put Zacchaeus as high in the tree as they can. Repeat as time and interest allow.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come join me at this tall tree! (*Pause.*) There was a tree in our story today. Do you remember who climbed up in the tree? (*Pause for responses.*) That's right! Zacchaeus climbed up in the tree so he could see Jesus!"

During the Activity: "Let's play a game to get Zacchaeus (*hold up a picture of Zacchaeus*) in the tree. When I call your name, come get a picture of Zacchaeus, then jump as high as you can to stick him to the tree. [Child's name], come get your picture. Ready? Jump and put him high in the tree! (*Pause.*) Great job! [Child's name], your turn! (*Continue with each child.*) Wow! Some of you got Zacchaeus really high up in the tree! Super job, everyone!"

After the Activity: "Zacchaeus had heard that Jesus loves everyone. Jesus was coming to town, and Zacchaeus wanted to see Him. Everyone wanted to see Jesus. Zacchaeus was too short and couldn't see over the crowd, so he climbed up a big tree just like this so he could see. And Jesus saw

Zacchaeus too. Jesus said, 'Zacchaeus, come down. I want to go to your house today!' Jesus changed Zacchaeus' heart, and Zacchaeus gave money back to everyone.

“Jesus told Zacchaeus that He came to help people who are lost and hurting and to rescue them. Jesus didn't come to just help people who do the right thing all the time. Jesus came to help people who are sick and hurting and do wrong things, like Zacchaeus. **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone**, no matter what. That means Jesus loves and cares for us too! Who does Jesus care about? **[Bottom Line] Jesus cares about everyone.**”