

## Yr 2 32nd Sunday Post-Pentecost Zacchaeus, Lesson Luke 19:1-10

**Opening Prayer:** Our Father. *In this prayer we ask God for forgiveness just like Zacchaeus.*

**Gospel:** [Luke 19:1-10](#) - Click Here to read the Gospel

Read to the children: *Paraclete Bible for Toddlers*, pp. 306-310; *Paraclete Bible for Kids*, p. 305-310; *The Preschoolers Bible*, p. 352-355) or watch:

<https://vimeo.com/57088533>

**Lesson:** We spend time with Jesus so that we can be closer to him and become more like him.

Before meeting Jesus Zacchaeus was not a very nice guy. He took money that was not his and he only worried about himself. After meeting Jesus, he was more honest and gave back the money. He even gave extra! He was beginning to be more like Jesus.

Talk about the ways that we can meet Jesus just like Zacchaeus did so that we can grow to be more and more like Jesus. Some examples are: get to know Jesus by reading the Bible, praying, and spending time with and talking to other people that love him. What other ways can you think of?

Zacchaeus' story teaches us that Jesus came to help sinners become closer to God. Even when we sin, God loves us and always forgives, no matter what we do, as long as we repent (turn back to God) and try to do better. But we need to do our part to try to get closer to him, just like Zacchaeus did. We do this by spending time with him, learning to love him more each day and asking for forgiveness when we have done wrong.

You can hear a song about Zacchaeus here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3\\_7e5ouZKw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3_7e5ouZKw) Play this song and have the children act out the story with their completed "Zacchaeus in the Tree" Craft.

**Craft:** Zacchaeus in the Tree craft

**Back Inside the Church:** Look around at the icons and see if you can see trees in the icons. Imagine climbing up a tree to see Jesus.