

LAKEPOINT KIDS

JK/SK
WEEK 4
JANUARY 26 2025



BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a Good Friend When
I am Happy

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10



BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is Always a Good
Friend



MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves you at all
times."

Proverbs 17:17, NCV



SOCIAL – INTENTIONAL CONNECTING (8:45/10:45)

Leader Huddle – please arrive at 8:45/10:45 and pick up your name tag. Rachel will connect with you in the FSR.

Check In/Play Time – have one team member greet parents & children as they arrive in the JK/SK room; have the other team member offer the children a toy bin and connect with them (ex 'What was the best thing about your week? What about the worst thing about your week?') Allow the children to play for a few minutes to help them settle in and give time for everyone to arrive.

GATHER – BUILDING COMMUNITY (9:20/11:20)

Group Rules – review 4 rules (found on wall)

Group Question – have the child share their name, and the answer to a question to learn something about them (ex 'What is something that made you happy this week?')

Song – sing & dance along to a song of your choice from on the USB; bring out instruments if preferred (found on shelf)

STORY – FOCUSED TEACHING (9:30/11:30)

Story - USB - Week 4 (Turn off when 'Bring It Home' slide comes up, roughly 15 minutes into the video)

GROUPS – INTERACTIVE LEARNING (9:40/11:40)

Learning Activities + Prayer Time

- Story Recap, Questions and Prayer
- Memory Verse Weather
- Marker Story Recap
- Being a Good Friend
- Book - The Man in the Tree and a Brand New Start
- Craft Time - Zacchaeus and Jesus
- Optional if extra time
 - Story Colouring Page
 - Toy Bins

HOME – DISMISSAL (10:20/12:20)



GROUP TIME

1. STORY RECAP, QUESTIONS AND PRAYER (5-10 MINUTES)

Suggestions of What To Say:

- 'There was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a tax collector. He didn't have any friends because he stole money from people. No one liked Zacchaeus. One day, Zacchaeus learned Jesus was coming to town. Everyone was happy, including Zacchaeus. There was a big crowd around Jesus. Zacchaeus couldn't see, so he found a tree to climb. That way he could see Jesus. Suddenly, Zacchaeus realized Jesus was looking at Him. And then, to everyone's surprise, Jesus started talking to Zacchaeus. He told Zacchaeus to get down from the tree because He was going to have supper at his house. Everyone was shocked! Jesus was talking to Zacchaeus??? Zacchaeus was so happy and excited. Jesus came for dinner and talked with Zacchaeus. He was a friend to Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was so happy to learn Jesus wanted to be his friend. Zacchaeus decided to love people like Jesus loved him, and gave back all the money he stole. Zacchaeus learned that Jesus is a good friend, and Jesus is a good friend to you, too!'

Suggestions of What To Ask:

- 'Tell me about something that makes you happy.'
- 'Zacchaeus started off having no friends. Why was that?'
- 'Do you think Jesus was happy that Zacchaeus stole money from people?'
- 'What did Jesus do when He saw Zacchaeus?'
- 'Why was everyone surprised?'
- 'Did Jesus yell at Zacchaeus? Did He tell Zacchaeus they could never be friends and He could never love Zacchaeus because of what he did?'
- 'Jesus loved Zacchaeus. Jesus was a good friend to him. And that made Zacchaeus very happy. What did he do afterwards with the money he had stolen?'
- 'Jesus wants us to make good choices. He doesn't like it when we do wrong things, but does that mean He stops loving us? Does that mean He won't be our friend?'
- 'Jesus is always a good friend, and He wants us to be a good friend to others, too.'
- 'Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us remember that He is always a good friend, and that we can be good friends, too.'
- 'Is there anything else you'd like us to pray about today?'

- PRAY

Leader's Notes:

GROUP TIME

2. MEMORY VERSE WEATHER (5 MINUTES)

What You Need: flashcards of rain, snow, hot sun and wind

Suggestions of What To Do:

- Hold up the flashcards one a time. Invite friends to come up with an action that represents that form of weather.
- Have them make that action while practicing our memory verse.

Suggestions of What To Say:

- 'Friends, the weather always changes. Some days it's rainy or snowy or windy or hot or cold. And our feelings always change too. But no matter what our feelings are, Jesus is always a good friend.'
- *Do activity*
- 'I'm so glad Jesus is always a good friend!'

3. MARKER STORY RECAP (10 MINUTES)

What You Need: laminated pages, markers, wipes/kleenex

Suggestion of What To Do:

- Recap the story and encourage our friends to draw parts of it as seen in the script below.

Suggestions of What To Say:

- 'Friends, let's draw part of our story today. We talked about a man. What was his name? Yes, Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus starts with a 'Z.' Draw the letter 'Z.'
- 'Zacchaeus had no friends because he stole from people. What did he steal? Yes, money. Draw some money.'
- 'One day, Jesus came to Zacchaeus' town. Zacchaeus rushed over to where Jesus was teaching, but he couldn't see. What did he climb? Yes, a tree. Draw a tree.'
- 'Jesus saw Zacchaeus up in the tree and told him to come down because why? Yes, Jesus was going to have supper at Zacchaeus' house. Draw what you think they might have had for supper.'
- 'Jesus loved Zacchaeus and wanted to be his friend, even though he had done wrong things. Draw a heart.'
- 'This made Zacchaeus so happy. Draw a smiley face.'
- 'Zacchaeus became friends with Jesus. He wanted to be a good friend to others too, and love them like Jesus, so Zacchaeus gave back the money he stole.'
- 'Jesus is always a good friend, no matter how we are feeling. Can you draw you and Jesus?'

Leader's Notes:

GROUP TIME

4. BEING A GOOD FRIEND (5-10 MINUTES)

What You Need: a page with a checkmark on it, a page with an 'x' on it, wall tape, list entitled, 'Is this a Good Friend'

Suggestions of What You Do:

- Hang up the checkmark and 'x' pages on opposite walls.
- Have friends gather in the middle of the room.
- Read the scenarios one at a time. If they involve being a good friend, have friends go to stand by the checkmark. If it does not involve being a good friend, have friends go stand by the 'x.' If you wish, you can have the kids move in different ways each time (ex crawl, hop, tip toe, stomp, dance, etc).

What You Say:

- 'Friends, Jesus is a good friend to us and wants us to be good friends to others. I'm going to read some examples. If it's an example of one how you can be a good friend, move towards the checkmark. If it is not an example of being a good friend, move towards to 'x'.
- *Do activity*
- 'Jesus is a good friend to us, and we can be a good friend to others, too.'

5. BOOK - THE MAN IN THE TREE & A BRAND NEW START (10 MIN)

What You Need: book, entitled 'The Man in the Tree and a Brand New Start'

Suggestions of What To Do:

- Invite our friends to sit down on the carpet and read the story out loud.

Suggestions of What To Say:

- 'Friends, Jesus was a good friend to Zacchaeus. It changed his life. Jesus is the best friend you could ever have!'

Leader's Notes:

GROUP TIME

6. CRAFT TIME - ZACCHAEUS AND JESUS (10-15 MIN)

What You Need: crayons, glue sticks, paper plate trees, cut out of Zacchaeus and Jesus

Suggestions of What To Do:

- Invite our friends to colour their paper plate tree and then glue Zacchaeus in the tree and Jesus standing at the base of the tree.

Suggestions of What To Say:

- 'Friends, we have the shape of a tree right here made out of this paper plate, but it's missing some things. What is it missing? Yes, leaves and bark! I'd like you to colour those things on the tree.'
- 'And then we need to add Zacchaeus and Jesus to the tree. Where would we glue them? Yes, we'd put Zacchaeus in the tree, and Jesus standing at the bottom of the tree.'
- 'Jesus took time to talk to Zacchaeus and be his friend, and that made Zacchaeus very happy. Jesus is always a good friend!'

7. EXTRA TIME OPTIONS

- **Story Colouring Page**
- **Toy Bins**

Dismissal Instructions:

1. Be aware when parents start arriving
 2. Greet parents at the door with a smile
 3. Call out name of child, remind them to bring their bag home
 4. Compare & retrieve parent & child name tags and then dispose of them before releasing
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