



WEEK TWO – MARCH 2020

Bible Story: *Everything Has Changed (Zacchaeus) • Luke 19:1-10*

Bottom Line: *When you forgive others, it can change them.*

Memory Verse: *Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIRV)*

Life App: *Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay*

Basic Truth: *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"
shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea: Broken Pieces

Made to Move: *an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

What You Need: "Broken Pieces" Activity Pages

What You Do:

- Give each child one puzzle piece, making sure each piece has a match somewhere in the group.
- If you have an odd number of kids, take a puzzle piece yourself and play along with the kids.
- Once everyone has a piece, tell kids they have to find the friend who is holding the other piece that completes their puzzle.
- The team to build their puzzle first wins!
- Collect and redistribute the pieces, and play as many rounds as you want.

What You Say:

“You guys are so good at matching up your puzzle piece! What did you notice about your puzzles? Were they all places that you like to go? There was school, church, a soccer field, and a home. Do all of those places sound familiar? *[Transition]* Today in Large Group, we are going to hear a story about a man who changed and then changed others all around him!”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

*Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS*

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

1. What’s Inside?

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What you Need: Box containing: small coin, small tree, person figure, pretend food, felt hearts

What You Do:

- Tell kids that your box contains lots of things that remind us of parts of today’s story, and their job is to figure out how each prop fits into the story!
- Using the conversation guide below, take each prop out of the box and lead kids in retelling the story.
- When there are only felt hearts left, invite one child at a time to come pull a felt heart out of the box and then hand it to a small group friend who does not have a heart yet.

What You Say:(Coin) “Today our story was about a man named Zacchaeus. Does anyone remember what his job was? (To collect money from people) Was he always nice and honest? (Pause.) No, sometimes he lied and asked for extra money so he could keep it.

(Tree) “Why is the tree a part of our box? (Zacchaeus climbed a tree.) Who was coming into town? (Jesus) That’s right! Zacchaeus climbed high up in a tree so he could see Jesus above the crowd.

(Figure) “Jesus found Zacchaeus high up in the tree, and what did He say? (Come down from the tree because I am coming to your house for dinner.) Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus’ house for dinner. How crazy is that? Everyone was shocked! Why was everyone so surprised? (Jesus was having dinner with a sinner.)

(Food) “Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus for dinner, and what did Zacchaeus do next? (He gave all the money back and more.)

(Felt Hearts) “Zacchaeus’s heart was changed because he met Jesus. Jesus forgave Zacchaeus, and Zacchaeus changed the way he treated people.

“Everyone gets to take home a felt heart to remind you that **[Bottom Line] when you forgive others, it can change them.**”

Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Felt hearts from the “What’s Inside?” activity

What You Do:

- Ask the kids to sit in a circle while holding their felt hearts.
- Remind them of today’s story, where Zacchaeus was forgiven and it changed how he treated others.
- Ask kids to think of one person they see every day and to picture that person’s face in their minds.

What You Say:

“We can all take home these felt hearts to remind us that forgiveness changes us and those around us! Let’s pray and ask God for courage to forgive others and change those around us. Picture the face of the person you’re thinking of as we pray.

“Dear God, thank You so much for forgiving us every day. Give us the courage to ask for forgiveness and forgive others so that our hearts are changed just like Zacchaeus. We love You. Amen.”

As adults arrive to pick up, send kids home with their felt hearts, and encourage kids to tell their parents the story of Zacchaeus.