

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Jesus Loved Zacchaeus

LUKE 19:1-10

Jesus was traveling through Jericho, where a man named Zacchaeus lived. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, and he was very rich. Zacchaeus was in charge of collecting taxes for the Roman government from the Jewish people in Jericho.

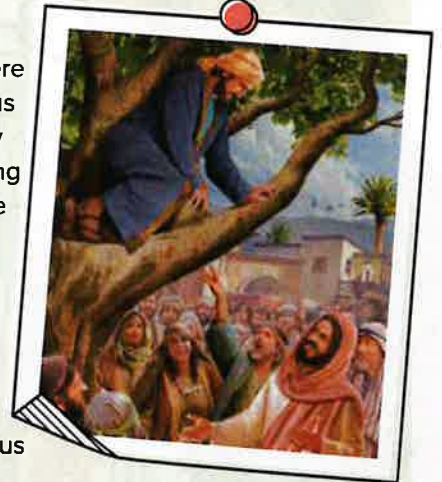
When Jesus came into town, a large crowd gathered to see Him. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, too, but Zacchaeus was a short man. He could not see over the crowd! So Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to watch for Jesus to pass by.

When Jesus came by, He looked up into the tree and saw Zacchaeus. "Come down, Zacchaeus," Jesus said. "I want to stay with you today." Zacchaeus hurried down from the tree. He was happy to welcome Jesus.

When the people saw what happened, they complained. "Zacchaeus is a sinner!" they said. "And Jesus is going to stay at his house!" The people knew that many tax collectors were dishonest and cheated people. They took more money from people than they should.

Zacchaeus told Jesus, "I will give half of everything I have to the poor. And if I cheated anyone, I will pay him back four times as much."

Jesus told Zacchaeus, "Today you have been saved. I have come to seek and to save the lost."



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that God can help us show love to all people as Jesus did. Many people in town considered Zacchaeus, the tax collector, as the enemy, but Jesus singled him out of the crowd and showed him love.

LIVE IT OUT

Guide your child to reach out to someone and form a new relationship. Encourage him to find someone he knows who has few friends. Remind him that God can help him show love to someone he and others might find difficult to love.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People can learn to love others as God loves them.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: John 13:34

Monday: 1 John 4:11

Tuesday: Proverbs 17:17

Wednesday: Romans 13:10

Thursday: Ephesians 5:2

Friday: 1 John 2:10

Saturday: Matthew 5:44



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Jesus Loved Zacchaeus* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories, games, and more.