



Family Pack 29th March 2020

Prayer

Dear God,

We ask you to be with us now as we come to read your word and to think about what you have to say to us through it.

We ask that you help us switch off from all the other distractions as we spend time together worshipping you.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

Craft idea

Make a tree out of recycling bin contents

Spot the difference (see attached picture)

Watch the video 'A horrible little man'

Reading

Read the following passage.

Luke 19:1-10 New International Version (NIV)

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

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5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Discuss the following questions:

- What was Zaccheus like before he met Jesus?
- Why do you think Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus?
- How did Zaccheus change after this meeting with Jesus?
- Do they think any of Zaccheus’ friends would have been different?
- How keen are you to meet Jesus?
- How much trouble are you prepared to go to in order to meet Jesus?

Talk about how Zaccheus changed completely after meeting Jesus.

Think some more about the story

Draw or paint the following scenes, then place them in the correct order.

- A tax collector with lots of money.
- A man who looks sad with people ignoring him.
- A crowd listening to Jesus.
- A man hiding in a tree.
- Jesus talking to a man in a tree.
- A rich man having tea with Jesus.
- A man giving away lots of money.
- A man smiling with his friends.

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Finish with a time of prayer where children can pray aloud, thanking God that he does change them as they spend time with him. You might also like to give space for children to talk to God privately about any areas where they feel they want to be changed.

Dear God,

Thank you that you want to meet us, and that no matter who we are, you want to be our friend.

Thank you that even when we do things that don't make you happy, you still look for us and that you can change us.

We ask you to help us in times that we find it hard to do the right thing and we ask that you help us do the right thing with those around us, our family, our friends and those in our schools and streets.

We ask in Jesus name,

Amen.

Worship

Watch the following worship song and sing together if you like.

'I am a new creation'

[youtube.com/watch?v=Kt0u2iwmuEA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kt0u2iwmuEA)

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ZACCHAEUS MEETS JESUS

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

