

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of Luke, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was VERY short. Zacchaeus tried to see Jesus as He was walking through town, but he was too little to see over the crowd of people. No matter how hard he tried, no matter how high he tippy-toed, he couldn't see Jesus.

Zacchaeus wasn't ready to give up, though. He looked all around for a way to get above the crowd of people. Just then, he saw a sycamore tree. Zacchaeus climbed and climbed until he was way up high in the sycamore tree.

As Zacchaeus held tight to the branches of the tree, Jesus walked by. When Jesus reached the sycamore tree, He looked up and saw Zacchaeus. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, come down from that tree. I want to stay with you at your house."

When the people in the crowd heard that Jesus wanted to stay with Zacchaeus, they weren't very happy. The angry people whispered things like "Zacchaeus is a tax collector. He steals money from people," and "Why would Jesus want to stay with a bad guy like Zacchaeus?"

Suddenly, Zacchaeus felt bad for the things he had done. He said to Jesus, "If I have stolen money from anybody, I will pay it all back. In fact, I'll give them even more money than I took." Jesus was so happy with Zacchaeus. He told Zacchaeus, "Today you have become my forever friend! I have come to save people like you from the bad things they've done."

THE BIG IDEA: JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FOREVER FRIEND
BIBLE BASIS: LUKE 19: 1-10

ACTIVITY: JUNE 21, 2020

I AM SORRY (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Question: What was your favorite part of today's story? Why did you like that part?

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of a sad face. While they're drawing, ask them to tell about a time they sinned or did something bad.

Say: When we sin, it makes God sad. But if we ask Jesus to forgive us, He washes our sins away so that we can be friends with Him forever. Let's say a prayer and tell Jesus we're sorry for doing these things.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, ask Jesus to forgive the children for the sins they talked about and thank Him for loving you no matter what.



**WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA?**