



SPARK

Week 21 - Jesus Comes for Sinners

Week of Mar. 15 Focus:

"Come down, for today I must stay at your house." Luke 19:7

After this time together your child will be able to do/know (one or all depending on their age):

- Zacchaeus was a short man, a tax collector who cheated people, & not well liked.
- He wanted to see Jesus so badly that he climbed a tree.
- Jesus 'saw' Zacchaeus called him down and went to his house.
- Zacchaeus changed his ways after being with Jesus.

Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 21 preparation video at saint-max.org/spark
- Watch: [God's Story: Zacchaeus](#)

PRAY



Opening Prayer

+ Most Holy Name of Jesus, we love you and thank you for finding us even when we are hiding. Thank you for always loving us even when we don't act like we should. Amen. +

SHARE



Family Connection

Lent is a special season given to us by Mother Church to do some evaluation of our lives. It gives us a chance to reset our focus. This is the second week we have a story about vision/seeing. Although this story is about seeing on the literal level; on the allegorical level it is about being deeply seen, loved and valued. Through this personal experience with Jesus, we see Zacchaeus do an about face with his life. Morally, Jesus shows us that ALL are worthy of love and value. No one should be passed by. And choosing to live a life valuing and loving each person leads us to an eternity with the One who is Love.

I would suggest taking the angle of changing or conversion for this story. In order for true change to happen we need to invite Jesus into our life and let His love do the rest. Share of a time that you experienced a change of heart, or direction.

LEARN

Read the Bible Story



This story can be found in Luke 19: 1-10 (Page 68-69 in Picture Bible Stories and p. 137-138 in the Great Adventure Storybook.

- I wonder why Zacchaeus climbed the tree? (*To see Jesus*) I wonder why he wanted to see Jesus? (*Maybe he had heard about him; he was curious*)
- I wonder how Zacchaeus felt when Jesus told him to come down and that he was going to his house? (*excited, nervous, etc.*)
- Why do you think the other people were grumbling about Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house? (*He was not exactly a good person!*)
- I wonder why Zacchaeus changed his mind and decided to repay what he had taken from other people? (*Zacchaeus felt Jesus' love for him, a sinner.*)
- I wonder how we are like Zacchaeus?

Wondering Questions: I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? (*Jesus is teaching us that each of us are sinners and yet he loves each one of us. And with his love and help, we can change our ways and be more like him.*)

If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:

[Zacchaeus](#) (for all ages 2 min)

[The Story of Zacchaeus](#) (older students as it is 6 min long, fun retelling of the story)

LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family



1. Here is a fun song to learn our story today: [Zacchaeus](#)
2. Use your Bible figures to retell the story or use the storybook in your packet.
3. Think of one thing you could work on changing this week (individually or as family)
4. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

PRAY

+ Jesus, You came into this world to be friends with everyone. We are sorry for the times we make bad choices. We know you always love us and call us to love like you did. Amen +

Dig Deeper!

[Who was Zacchaeus? 5 Ways we can all relate to his story in the Bible](#) (A quick read!)
[Zacchaeus Encounters the Son of Man](#) by Dr. Brant Pitre (3 min) A look at the story from two different Scripture lens.



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