

## Lesson 17 – Zacchaeus

### Opening Prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear God, teach us to love You, more than our toy, house, or pets. Teach us that You love us more than anything. Remind us that You are always eager to forgive us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Memory Work:

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “You and your family have been saved today. You’ve shown that you, too, are one of Abraham’s descendants. <sup>10</sup> Indeed, the Son of Man has come to seek and to save people who are lost.” (*Luke 19:9-10*)

### Focus:

Material wealth is worthless without Christ. All of our stuff, toys, house, and everything else are worth nothing compared faith in Jesus. Without Jesus we have nothing, we have no future in Heaven, we have no hope in this life. Jesus is everything. Jesus loves us more than anything. He came to save us all.

### Lesson:

Luke 19:1-10



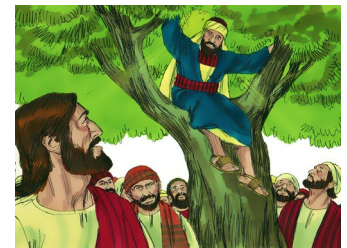
<sup>1</sup> Jesus was passing through Jericho. <sup>2</sup> A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was the director of tax collectors, and he was rich.

<sup>3</sup> He tried to see who Jesus was. But Zacchaeus was a small man, and he couldn't see Jesus because of the crowd.



<sup>4</sup> So Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a fig tree to see Jesus, who was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down! I must stay at your house today."





<sup>6</sup> Zacchaeus came down and was glad to welcome Jesus into his home. <sup>7</sup> But the people who saw this began to express disapproval. They said, “He went to be the guest of a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup> Later, at dinner, Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Lord, I’ll give half of my property to the poor. I’ll pay four times as much as I owe to those I have cheated in any way.”



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## Review:

- **What town did Zacchaeus live in?** Jericho
- **What job did Zacchaeus do?** He was the chief tax collector.
- **Tax collectors were very unpopular. Do you know why?** They would cheat the people by taxing more than was owed – and then pocket the rest for themselves.
- **Who did Zacchaeus want to see?** Jesus
- **Why couldn't he see Him?** Because there was a large crowd around Jesus and Zacchaeus was too short to see over them.
- **How did he overcome this problem?** He climbed a tree.
- **What did Jesus say when he got to the tree?** “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”
- **How do you think that Zacchaeus felt then?** Surprised. Happy. Curious. Excited to have Jesus come to his home, because he was so disliked by the other people and they probably never came to his house.
- **Do you think that he was surprised that Jesus knew his name?** Yes.
- **Did Zacchaeus take Jesus to his house?** Yes. He welcomed him gladly.
- **What did the people say?** “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”
- **Do you think that they thought maybe Jesus should be coming to their house instead? Why?** Maybe they thought that they were the good people and so they deserved to have Jesus come to them.
- **What did Zacchaeus say then?** “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.”
- **What did Jesus say to that?** “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
- **What do you think that Jesus meant by that?** He came to save sinners.

## Closing Prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear God, sometimes we make bad choices, but we know if we are sorry You will forgive us. Remind us how to live lives that please You. Help us to always do Your will.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.