

## **Zacchaeus** (Luke 19:1-10)

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**Teacher Notes**

Video Abstract (Author: Max7.org): Zacchaeus was a greedy tax collector who cheated his brothers many times, until he met Jesus, who turned Zacchaeus' life around. Zacchaeus was transformed into a generous man. This is suitable for all ages of children, families and all age events.

For the teacher's preparation, this is the passage for study:

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable due to the crowd, because he was short in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to see Him, because He was about to pass through that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." And he hurried and came down, and received Him joyfully. When the people saw this, they all began to complain, saying, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner!"

But Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I am giving to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I am giving back four times as much." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:1-10, NASB)

Show the video.

1. What is a tax collector?

Help the student visualize what a tax collector is:

- a) Using a safe snack that the student is not allergic to (i.e. goldfish, baking chocolate chips), pass out 3 pieces.
- b) Designate a student to play Zacchaeus. As Zacchaeus takes 2 pieces from each student, explain that Zacchaeus was authorized to take 1 piece for the government, but he took another for himself.
- c) What do you think of Zacchaeus? Many Jews felt the same way.

2. What did Zacchaeus do to demonstrate his faith in Jesus?

Replay the video or slowly read Luke 19:1-10 and pause at each detail that reveals Zacchaeus' new attitude.

- a) Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was and climbed up a sycamore tree in order to see Him.
- b) When Jesus spoke to him, Zacchaeus came down, and received Him joyfully.
- c) Zacchaeus repented of his cheating, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I am giving to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I am giving back four times as much."

Be sure the student Zacchaeus gives back the extra stolen snack plus 4 more!