

WEEK 1

LUKE 19:1-9 Zacchaeus

BOTTOM LINE

Our Hope is in God Who Seeks and Saves

READ THIS

Jesus came to seek and save the lost! Our hope is in Jesus and what He has done for us! Jesus made a way for us to be saved from the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross and then coming back to life. He made a way for us to have a relationship with God. Just like Zacchaeus, God loves you, no matter what you have done, and no matter what has happened in your life! Let's Go Deeper!

EMORIZE THIS

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

A ACTION

God is always looking for us to know Him. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so much that he climbed a tree. What will you do this week to seek Jesus more?

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youtube.com/blueridgecommunitychurch



DAY 1

K5

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 19:1-5, Isaiah 59:2, Romans 5:8 Discuss:

- Why did Zacchaeus climb the tree?
- What does it mean to be spiritually lost? (to not have a relationship with Jesus, try to live life on our own)
- What did Jesus do to find us?



Remember this: Jesus is seeking the lost

CREATIVE CONNECTION

Play a few rounds of "hide and seek" either inside or outside your home. After playing, talk about how God is always looking for us to want to follow Him. When we choose to seek Him, we realize He has been waiting on us all along! The Bible says in Jeremiah 29:13, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Zacchaeus was seeking Jesus with all his heart and while he was struggling to get to Jesus, Jesus found Him!



TABLE TALK

- If you were trying to see someone very famous, what would you
 do to see them? (see how creative you can get!)
- Share about a time you found something you thought was lost?
 How did you feel when you found it?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray: **P**raise God for knowing where you are **A**sk God to help you feel him near **R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you are not seeking Him **T**hank God for seeking your heart



DAY 2

K5

Materials Needed:Bible or Bible App, Paper,
Scissors, Pens

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 19:5-6, Matthew 9:10-12 Discuss:

- What types of people did Jesus hang out with?
- Why did this upset the Pharisees?
- Why did Jesus hang out with these types of people?

Remember this: We all sin, but our hope is in Jesus.



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. They basically robbed people. Jesus' found and built relationships with people who were not popular, and went to lost people's homes. Jesus made it clear that He didn't come for people who already thought they were good, but for those who were truly lost and in need of healing. He sought them because He wanted to save them from their sins and bring them into a relationship with God. Cut out 29 circles to represent coins. Write one word of your memory verse on each. Mix up the coins and then try to put the words in the right order. Use this to teach the verse to your family and to remind you that we all sin but our hope is in Jesus!



TABLE TALK

- Who are some people you love?
- If someone was unkind to you could you still love them?
- What are some different ways we can show love to people, even if we feel like they don't deserve it?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

Praise God for His goodness

Ask God to help you show love to others, even when it's hard **R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for a time you have not treated someone right

Thank God for sending Jesus to be our hope you



DAY 3

K5

Materials Needed:Bible or Bible App, Hard Boiled
Egg, Sharpie

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 19:9, Romans 5:8 Discuss:

- Would it be hard to die for someone who has not treated you kindly?
- How did God demonstrate His love for us?
- Are any of our sins too big to be forgiven?



Remember this: We all sin, but our hope is in Jesus

CREATIVE CONNECTION

Hard boil an egg. Using a sharpie, together come up with some of the things that we do that go against God and make God unhappy, and write them all over the egg, until the egg looks dark. Tell your child: "Our sins, like these, keep us from knowing God and following Jesus. Start peeling the egg. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. But He didn't stay dead. After 3 days, He rose again and is now living in Heaven. Jesus died on the cross for you and if you believe in Jesus and tell Him you are sorry for your sin, then He can forgive your sin just like I am taking off the hard, now dark, peel of this egg. Our heart changes from dark and hard to being clean and soft.



TABLE TALK

- What types of jobs do people have where they save other people?
- Would you want one of these jobs? Why or why not?



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take P.A.R.T. of your day to pray:
Praise God for His power to save
Ask God to help you follow Him
Repent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you sin
Thank God for His love for us



DAY 4

K5

Materials Needed:

Bible or Bible App, Paper or Cardboard, Markers or Chalk

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 19:9, John 3:16, Psalm 103:8 Discuss:

- How did Jesus show love to Zacchaeus?
- Have you experienced God's love before? If so, share.
- Have you experienced God's forgiveness before? If so, share.

Remember this: God wants to shower you in His love and forgiveness



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Use a large piece of paper, cardboard, or other material you can draw on. Create a giant heart. Fill your heart with words that describe who God is and His love for us! If the weather is nice, and if you have chalk, you could do this activity outside on the driveway or sidewalk!



TABLE TALK

- Share a time when someone did something that made you feel loved.
- Share a time when you did something to make someone else feel loved
- Talk about why it is amazing that God loves to pour His love and forgiveness on us.



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take P.A.R.T. of your day to pray:
Praise God for how loving He is
Ask God to help you feel His love for you
Repent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you take for granted His love
for you
Thank God for His forgiveness plan



DAY 5

Materials Needed: Bible or Bible App **K5**

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read Luke 19:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17 Discuss:

- How could we know that Zacchaeus had changed?
- What does it mean to repent?
- Take a moment, in your heart, and ask God to show you where He wants to change you.



Remember this: God changes our hearts

CREATIVE CONNECTION

Play a game of "I've Been Changed" hangman. Write some phrases on slips of paper that are things people may do differently if they have been changed by God. (ex: Be kind no matter what, read God's Word, etc.) Pick who will go first and have them pick a phrase from the bag. Then, they will write enough spaces on the paper for each letter of the phrase. Next, family members will take turns calling out letters until the hangman is either complete or the correct answer is guessed. Remind your child that when you are following Jesus, people should see that God has changed your heart by how you act.



TABLE TALK

- What movies can you think of where the character has a change of heart?
- Earlier today you took time to ask God what He wanted to change in you. Share what God put in your mind. Pray for one another.



HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

Praise God that He always knows what is right

Ask God to help you ask others for forgiveness when you have done wrong

Repent, or tell God you're sorry, for what you did wrong today Thank God for His power to change your heart