



Family Take-Home Sheet

Jesus Loves Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Many people heard about the miracles that Jesus had done and they wanted to see Jesus and hear Jesus teach that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners**. One of the men that wanted to hear and see Jesus was named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a man that had heard about Jesus. Zacchaeus was a tax collector. He had lots and lots of money but a lot of his money he had because he stole from other people when they paid their taxes. He would take more money from people than he was supposed to, and then he would keep the extra money for himself. God says that stealing is a sin! God knows what is best, and Zacchaeus was not doing what was best. Zacchaeus had a lot of money, but because he stole from other people, he did not have a lot of friends.

One day, Jesus came to visit the town where Zacchaeus lived. Zacchaeus had heard all about Jesus and wanted to go see Jesus to find out what Jesus had to say. Zacchaeus went to where Jesus was, but, like always, there was a HUGE crowd of people around Jesus. Zacchaeus could not see over all the people because he was a small man! Zacchaeus had an idea: he saw a big sycamore tree and he decided to climb it so he could get a better view of Jesus. Zacchaeus climbed up into the tree. He looked out and saw Jesus in the middle of the big crowd.

All of a sudden, Jesus stopped right next to the tree where Zacchaeus was sitting! Then Jesus looked up in the tree and started to talk to Zacchaeus! The Bible tells us what Jesus said. **“And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.’ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.” Luke 19:5-6**

Zacchaeus hurried down the tree as quickly as he could. Then he led Jesus to his house to stay. Zacchaeus was so happy that Jesus was coming to see him and talk to him. Jesus gave Zacchaeus a new heart that loved and trusted Him. Zacchaeus decided repay all of the people that he had stolen from. The Bible even says he gave back more than he took from people!

Zacchaeus was a sinner that loved money, but that did not mean that Jesus did not want to spend time with Zacchaeus. Jesus loved people that were sinners. In fact, **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** Jesus came to earth and spent lots of time teaching people all about God. Then, Jesus died on the cross to save all who would believe in Him. But Jesus didn't stay dead. After 1-2-3 days, Jesus came back to life!

Review & Discussion

1. What was Zacchaeus' job? (He was a tax collector.)
2. What was Zacchaeus doing that was wrong? (He was stealing money from people when he took their taxes.)
3. What was Zacchaeus' problem when he went to see Jesus? (He couldn't see Jesus over the crowd.)
4. What was the solution to his problem? (He found a tree and climbed it so that he could see Jesus over the crowd.)
5. What did Jesus tell Zacchaeus to do? (He told him to come out of the tree so that they could go to Zacchaeus's house.)
6. What did Zacchaeus decide to do after he spent time with Jesus? (He decided to give away half of his money and repay all of the people that he had stolen from.)