

WEEK EIGHT

INVESTIGATORS TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

BIBLE STORY

LOOK AT HOW I
CAN LOVE LIKE
JESUS

MAIN POINT

I CAN LOVE OTHERS
LIKE JESUS

LIFE POINT

I CAN SEE THAT I
CAN LOVE OTHERS
JUST LIKE JESUS

VERSE

THIS IS MY
COMMAND: LOVE
EACH OTHER AS I
HAVE LOVED YOU.

JOHN 15:12

Hey Special Agents! It is time for Investigators: Take A Closer Look! Today we will be looking at one of the amazing things that Jesus did! When we take a closer look at how we can love people like Jesus did!

STORY

There once was a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus didn't have any friends. Do you know why? Zacchaeus took people's money. You see, Zacchaeus collected taxes. Taxes were money people had to pay to the king. But Zacchaeus took more than he was supposed to take. He kept the money to make himself rich. That's not very kind, is it? No, not at all. The people knew what Zacchaeus was doing so they didn't like him, not one bit. So the people would avoid him, pretend they didn't see him, and whisper mean things about him.

One day Jesus came to the town where Zaccheaus lived. Everyone wanted to see and hear Jesus. And so did Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus stood in the crowd, but he was so short he could not see. So Zacchaeus had an idea. He would climb a tree so that he could see Jesus too. Zaccheaus had the perfect view from the tree and he could see Jesus! Jesus stopped by the tree and said "Zacchaeus, I would like to come to your house." What are you serious Jesus? Why are you being kind to such an awful man? The people couldn't understand. Was it because Jesus didn't know how bad he was? No, Jesus knew, but Jesus still loved Zaccheaus. Zaccheaus said to Jesus, "what I have done is wrong, but I want to do the right thing. I will give the money back to everyone- four times what I stole!

Wow! That is an amazing story. Jesus loved Zacchaeus when no one else would. He was Zaccheaus's friend when no one else would be. Jesus shows us what it looks like to love people. You and I can love people just like Jesus did.



CRAFTS

ZACCHAEUS IN THE TREE COLORING PAGE

What you need:

- Printable
- Popsicle Sticks
- Crayons

What to do:

Step 1: Color the page.

Step 2: Cut out Zacchaeus and Jesus. Glue each of them to a popsicle stick.

Step 3: Retell the story using your picture.

What to say:

Zacchaeus had done some pretty bad things. No one wanted to be Zacchaeus' friend, but Jesus was his friend! Jesus shows us how to love other people. We can love people just like Jesus. did!

ZACCHAEUS STICKER SCENE

What you need:

- Sticker pack

What to do:

Follow the instruction enclosed to make a sticker scene.

What to say:

Zacchaeus had done some pretty bad things. No one wanted to be Zacchaeus' friend, but Jesus was his friend! Jesus shows us how to love other people. We can love people just like Jesus. did! What are some ways that we can love people like Jesus did?

PIN ZACCHAEUS IN THE TREE

What you need:

- tree printable
- Zacchaeus printable

What to do:

Step 1: Cut out Zacchaeus

Step 2: Have each person close their eyes and try to place Zacchaeus in the tree like in our story.

What to say:

In our story Zacchaeus had to climb up in a tree because he couldn't see Jesus. No one wanted to be Zacchaeus' friend, but Jesus was his friend. Jesus shows us how to love other people. We can love people just like Jesus did!

PLAY REVERSE GO FISH

What you need:

- card to play go fish

What to do:

Play go fish, but instead of taking someones cards give your cards away. When you ask someone if they "have any 2s" if they say yes give them your 2s. First one to get rid of all their cards 1st is the winner.

What to say:

In today's story Zacchaeus had taken money from the people to keep it for himself. At the end of our story Zacchaeus gave it all back, and 4 times as much! In our game of Go Fish we gave our card like Zacchaeus did with his money.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

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TODDLERS

1. Do you remember the name of the man in our story? (Zacchaeus)
2. Did Zacchaeus have any friends? (No)
3. Why not? (He took peoples money)
4. Who was Zacchaeus' friend? (Jesus!)

ELEMENTARY

1. Do you remember the name of the man in our story? (Zacchaeus)
2. Did Zacchaeus have any friends? (No)
3. Why not? (He took peoples money)
4. What happened when Jesus came to town?
5. Who was Zacchaeus' friend? (Jesus!)
6. Can we love people like Jesus did? (Yes!)
7. How do you think we can love people like Jesus did?

VERSE WITH MOTIONS

This is my command:(put your fist to the palm of your other hand) Love (put your hands on your heart) each other (move your arms outward) as I (point to the sky) have loved (put your hands on your heart) you (point to yourself).

John 15:12 (pretend to open and close your bible as you say the reference)