

In God's Big Story

Jesus seeks out a tax collector named Zacchaeus and asks to be a guest in his home where Zacchaeus changes his ways, and Jesus welcomes him into God's family.

Wonder Truth: Jesus Seeks and Saves Us

Scripture: Luke 19



WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

[EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO](#)

WORD OF WONDER



Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our [motions video](#) or this [video](#) to help you!

ELEMENTARY:

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him.

—John 3:16–17 (NIV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

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WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What's one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?



FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- Jesus saves you! What does that mean to you?
- What do you love most in the whole world? How does it make you feel to know Jesus loves you even more than you love that?
- Zacchaeus became generous after Jesus came into his life. What are some ways we can be generous with what we have?
- Is there anything making you sad or upset today? Because there's sin in the world, we're going to feel hurt or upset sometimes. But when Jesus saves us from our sin, He gives us the ability to experience joy in even the hardest moments. So let's think of a few things we can praise God for in the middle of our hurt today.



HANDS ON

Cookie Drop

Invite your kids to bake cookies with you (or another family-favorite treat)! The treat can be made from scratch or use store-bought dough—whichever you prefer.

As you bake, let your child know that you'll be keeping half the cookies but giving the other half away! Ask them to choose a family member, friend, or neighbor whom they would like to bless with this gift. Tell them how much the cookies will be appreciated by whomever they give them to!

While the cookies are in the oven, read Luke 19:1–10 as a family. Then talk together (read the bold print): Giving away half our cookies is a little like Zacchaeus giving away half of what he owned after Jesus saved him. Jesus seeks and saves us! Like Zacchaeus, we can respond by being generous!

When the cookies are done, wrap half of them up, and deliver them to the person you chose. Let that person know that Jesus loves them so much that He seeks and saves them!



INTERACTIVE PRAYER

Prayer Pals

It's time to be a pen pal! Jesus seeks out people who are lost, lonely, and hurting—and He shows them love! By doing this activity, your family will be doing the same.

First, find some paper (or a premade card), an envelope, a few writing utensils, and any other favorite art supplies you have. Ask your child to think of someone she knows who is hurting, lonely, or in need of encouragement. Decorate the front of the card and then, as a family, come up with a prayer that you can write on the inside. Along with the prayer, let the person know you see him and have been thinking of him. Find and share an encouraging Bible verse. Then invite family members to sign their names at the end. When you're finished, address the envelope, add a stamp, and let your child help you mail it!