

Jesus Loves Everyone

March 25, 2020

Dear HPK Families,

Even though we are not gathering together at one of our Highpoint Church locations, HPK Midweek is still happening! We hope this lesson about a little man with a funny name allows you and your family an opportunity to learn more about God's great love for us! Have fun and know that we are praying for your family. We love you!

Bible Story: *Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree (Luke 19:1-10)*

Story Point: *Jesus Loves Everyone*

Worship and Praise

This is a time for you and your family to worship and praise our great Lord! Stand to your feet, stretch and then click on the included worship song. Have fun with it! Engage in worship as a family by raising your hands, jump and dance.

Memory Verses

Help your child practice this week's Midweek verse by first opening your Bible together, turning to the verses, and explain that not only does repeating the verse over and over help them to remember God's Word, but explaining what the verse means will help move beyond memorizing the verse to *internalizing* His Word!

- Elementary: *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* **(Luke 19:10)**
 - This verse indicates to us all that Jesus chose to be spend time with us, regardless of how unworthy we think we are.
 - Preschool: *"Let the little children come to me"* **(Mark 10:14).**
 - Apparently, the disciples thought that little children were not important to Jesus, and that Jesus had much more important things to do with His time than spending laying hands on little children.
 - He is compassionate and forgiving and willing to restore us when we confess our sins and return to Him.
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Bible Lesson

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Get comfortable, grab your Bibles and open up and read aloud Luke 9:1-10. After you have taken a quick stretch break, come back and watch the included Bible Story video that will help your child(ren) better understand what you just read.

Dig Deeper/Family Discussion

- Jesus loved all kinds of people, and often associated with those that others did not like so much.
 - He changed lives by this love and transformed how people felt and behaved.
 - Jesus offered mercy and forgiveness, and because of that we should demonstrate unconditional love to one another.
 - If nothing else, perhaps this account of Jesus and Zacchaeus can give us reason to pause the next time we dare to think ourselves better or “cleaner” than someone else.
 - Jesus welcomed all people, and He was and is ready to forgive anyone with a repentant heart. This was great news for Zacchaeus, but it’s also wonderful for us to remember!
 - When we trust the work that Jesus has already done and continues to do, it lets our lives be changed, and it should encourage us to tell others about Him.
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Activity

Through the story of Zacchaeus, we’re learning that anyone can come to Jesus through God! This activity will help you think of all the people you know who can become part of God’s family!

Zacchaeus was a tax collector who climbed a tree to get a better look at Jesus. Jesus told Zacchaeus to come down immediately and embraced him with the Father’s love.

Supplies:

- “Zacchaeus in the Tree” (printable)
- “People” Picture (printable)
- Green tissue or construction paper colored green

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- Green crayon
- Glue sticks

Make it:

- Children will color the pictures of Zacchaeus in the tree
- Glue pieces of green tissue paper to tree
- Cut out pictures of people (included) and glue onto the Zacchaeus picture illustrating that everyone can come to God when we choose to follow Jesus!

Review and Close

Way to go! You did it! Today you learned that anyone can come to God through Jesus! Our Bible story is about a man named Zacchaeus, who wasn't a very nice man. Our project will help us remember that we can come to God just like Zacchaeus did.

Prayer

Let's take time now to talk to God.

Dear Lord,

Thank you, Father, for loving us no matter what! Thank You for forgiving all of our sins and sending Your only Son to rescue us all! Help us to love everyone just like You do! Thank You for Your Word and Your promises!

Amen!