

Week 2 - CONNECT



October 4th/5th

OVERVIEW

Shine Your Light

Theme:	Shine Your Light!
Story:	Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10
Key Question:	What's my mission from God?
Bottom Line:	To Shine My Light!
Mission:	Jesus wants me to shine my light by being friends with everyone, even those who are different from me!
Coloring Page:	Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see Jesus.
Music:	This Little Light of Mine Give Your Heart to Jesus Superhero
Bible Story:	God's Story for Me Bible Jesus Loves Zacchaeus Pages 403 to 408
Story Time:	Heartprints by P.K. Hallinan
Service Time:	73 minutes

Memory Verse:

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Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

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CRAFT

Shine Your Light

Craft: I Can Be A Friend To Others - Placemat

Mission Supplies:

Green, orange, yellow and red construction paper, glue sticks, markers, double sided tape, glitter, Ziploc bags and "I Can Be a Friend" activity page.

Mission Details:

Print out "I Can Be a Friend" activity page on cardstock. Print and cut out leaves from green, orange, yellow and red construction paper. (Another option would be to purchase precut leaves) Allow the children to decorate the leaves and attach them to the activity page (placemat). (If you are glittering the leaves start by adding double stick tape to the leaves, then add some glitter in a bag along with the leaf and shake!)

Your Assignment:

Show the children the placemat. Explain to the children that we are going to decorate leaves, one for us and one for our new friend. Let them know that they can decorate their leaves anyway they would like. (They can use markers, glitter, etc.) Show them that their page says, "I Can Be a Friend". Ask them to name some of their friends. Talk about Zacchaeus from our story and how he didn't have any friends until he met Jesus. Tell them that our second leaf will remind us to ask someone new to be our friend. Tell them that Jesus wants us to be friends with everyone even those who are different from us. Make a big deal when children attach their leaves to the placemat. Let them know how proud you are of them for shining their light and being friends with everyone. At the end, talk about all of the ways we can be friends to others. Explain that God is SO happy every time they become a friend to someone new. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light!**

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EXTRA CRAFT - SN

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Craft: Zacchaeus' Tree

Mission Supplies: "Zacchaeus", "Tree", Popsicle Sticks and Crayons and/or Markers.



Mission Details: Have the children create their very own Tree and Zacchaeus picture.

Your Assignment:

Show the children the tree and Zacchaeus. Ask them if they remember who climbed a tree to see Jesus? Explain that Zacchaeus climbed the tree because he was too short to see Jesus walking by. Tell the children that we are going to make our own tree and Zacchaeus to take home. At the end, explain that they can use their trees to tell people about our story and how Jesus wants us to be friends with everyone even those who are different from us.

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MISSION 1

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Mission 1: Lots and Lots of Leaves

Mission Supplies:

Green, Red, Yellow and Orange Play-doh, rolling pins and leaf shaped cookie cutters

Mission Details:

Show the children how to make colorful leaves out of Play-doh. Have the children roll the Play-doh flat with rolling pins and then use leaf shaped cookie cutters to make leaves.

Your Assignment:

Explain to the children that we are going to make leaves out of Play-doh. Ask them what are some of their favorite things about trees (color, size, picking fruit, climbing)? Remind them of our story and ask why Zacchaeus climbed up in the tree. Talk about how he didn't have any friends until he met Jesus. Tell them that Jesus wants us to be friends with everyone, even people who are different from us. At the end, talk about all of the ways we can be friends to others. Explain that God is SO happy every time we become a friend to someone new.

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MISSION 2

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Mission 2: Follow the Superhero

Mission Supplies:

Superhero cape and flashlight (for larger classrooms you may want to purchase multiple capes and flashlights)

Mission Details:

Play a fun game of "Follow the Leader," only the children have to follow the superhero wearing the cape and shining the flashlight. Have the children follow the superhero around the room while they say the memory verse, along the way. Ensure that all children receive a turn being the leader. (Another option would be to let the children do silly movements, all along the way while saying the memory verse.)

Your Assignment:

Explain to the children that we are going to play a fun game where we pretend to be superheroes. Tell them that everyone will get a chance to wear our superhero cape, hold the flashlight and lead the children around the room. At the end of the activity, ask them what it means to shine your light. Explain to the children that our memory verse tells us that we are shining our light when we; ask Jesus to be our friend forever, are friends with everyone, love God and one another, and tell others about Him. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light!**

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MISSION 3 - 2's/3's/4's

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Mission 3: Lost and Found Superhero Friends

Mission Supplies:

Large tub, uncooked rice or sensory beads, small toy superhero ducks and an "Allergy Alert" sign so parents are aware that you are playing with rice.

Mission Details:

Place all of the ducks in the tub and pour rice over them. Allow three to four children to try to find the lost ducks using their hands and fingers.

Your Assignment:

Explain that we are going to play a fun game of hide and seek. Tell the children that the ducks are lost and in need of a friend to help find them. Remind them of the man in our story that had no friends. Ask them what Jesus did to help Zacchaeus? Explain that Jesus spent time with Zacchaeus and was his friend even though he had made some bad decisions. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light!**

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MISSION 3 - Clubhouse

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Light**

Mission 4: Super, Super, Hero

Mission Supplies:

None needed

Mission Details:

Children will play a fun game of duck, duck, goose, however instead of saying duck and goose, children will use the words, super, super, hero (on hearing "hero" the child picked will get up and chase the person selecting the child around the circle).

Your Assignment:

Explain to the children that we are going to play a fun game of duck, duck, goose. Tell them that instead of saying the words, duck and goose we will use the words super and hero. At the end of the activity, ask them what it means to shine your light. Explain to the children that our memory verse tells us that we are shining our light when we; ask Jesus to be our friend forever, are friends with everyone, love God and one another, and tell others about Him. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light!**

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MISSION 4

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Mission 4: Money, Money, Money!

Mission Supplies:

Gold coins

Mission Details:

Hide the gold coins around the room. Tell the children that coins are hidden throughout our classroom. Ask the children to close their eyes while you hide the coins. When you are ready, tell the children to open their eyes and find the coins. (Continue playing as long as the children are having fun.)

Your Assignment:

Show the children the gold coins and tell them that in Bible times, people used gold coins for money. Remind the children of the story and how Zacchaeus took money from the people in his town. Explain that Jesus spent time with Zacchaeus and was his friend even though he had made some bad decisions. Tell them how Zacchaeus changed after spending time with Jesus and gave all the money he had taken, back to the people. Remind them how Jesus wants us to be friends with everyone, even people who are different from us. At the end, talk about all of the ways we can be friends to others. Explain that God is SO happy every time they become a friend to someone new. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light!**

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MISSION 5 - 4's

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Mission 5: Superhero Training

Mission Supplies:

Superhero Ducks

Mission Details:

Give each child a superhero duck and show them how to balance it on their heads. Next, challenge them to keep it balanced while trying to do the movements you lead them in such as: stand like a statue, stand on one foot, take one step forward, take one step backwards, turn in a circle, etc. Continue as long as there's interest.

Your Assignment:

Ask the children what are some things you know about Superheroes? (they go on missions, there is a way to find them, they are super strong, if they don't help...people might get hurt, etc). Tell them that we are going to be superheroes for the next few weeks and we have to do some "Superhero Training" in order to successfully complete our superhero missions. Explain that we are going to play a game where we use our muscles to help keep our duck friends safe just like how a superhero keeps everyone safe. Have the children complete a series of challenges while trying to balance the ducks on their heads.

At the end of the activity, ask them if they remember what our mission is? Tell the children that our mission is to Shine our Light. Explain that we shine our light when we are friends with everyone, even those who are different from us. **What is our mission from God? (Pause) To Shine My Light!**

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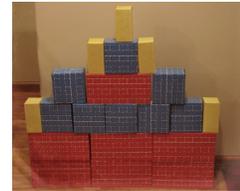
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Mission 5: Superhero Training

Mission Supplies:

Red cardboard bricks and Superhero Balls



Mission Details:

Arrange the cardboard bricks into a building shape and let the children knock down the city walls with their superhero strength. Continue as long as there's interest.

Your Assignment:

Ask the children what are some things you know about Superheroes? (they go on missions, there is a way to find them, they are super strong, if they don't help...people might get hurt, etc). Tell them that we are going to be superheroes for the next few weeks and we have to do some "Superhero Training" in order to successfully complete our superhero missions. Explain that we are going to play a game where we use our muscles to knock down an abandoned building.

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MISSION 5 - 2's/3's

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Mission 5: Superhero Training

Mission Supplies:

Red cups, superhero symbols, superhero ducks and foam cord board

Mission Details:

Glue superhero symbols inside several cups, Attach all of the cups onto the board. Children will take turns trying to toss the ducks into the cups with the superhero symbols.

Your Assignment:

Ask the children what are some things you know about Superheroes? (they go on missions, there is a way to find them, they are super strong, if they don't help...people might get hurt, etc). Tell them that we are going to be superheroes for the next few weeks and we have to do some "Superhero Training" in order to successfully complete our superhero missions. Explain that we are going to play a game where we use our muscles to get our superhero friends home safe.

At the end of the activity, ask them if they remember what our mission is? Tell the children that our mission is to Shine our Light. Explain that we shine our light when we are friends with everyone, even those who are different from us.

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