

April Weeks 3 and 4



April 21st/22nd
April 28th/ 29th

LG OVERVIEW

ZACCHAEUS

WORSHIP LEADER/HOST: “Good morning, everyone! It’s so good to see you today. I can’t wait to sing with you. But first tell me: **Who does Jesus love?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “**Jesus loves everyone.**”

WORSHIP LEADER/HOST: “Yes, that’s right! Let’s sing our awesome new song all about how Jesus loves us and wants us to love everyone.”

(Lead children in singing “Love One Another” and “My Best Friend”)

WORSHIP LEADER/HOST: “Yay! What incredible singers you are. **Who does Jesus love?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “**Jesus loves everyone.**”

BIBLE VERSE: “That’s right! **Jesus loves everyone.** Our memory verse tells us that He loves everyone. Let’s practice it. Are you ready to do it with me? *(Pause.)* Let’s do it! *Love each other as I have loved you,* John 15:12. Let’s do it again. *(Repeat several times.)*”

STORYTELLER: “It’s really great to see you today, because I have a crazy, TRUE Bible story to tell you. Now, in this TRUE story, there is a guy named Zacchaeus. That’s kind of a crazy name. Can you say, ‘Zacchaeus’? Zacchaeus had a pretty important job. He was a tax collector. That meant he had to collect money from everyone in town. Zacchaeus took more and more money from the people! In fact, he **STOLE** from them! This made the people **SUPER** angry with Zacchaeus. One day, Jesus came to town and everyone rushed to see him. Now, Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, do you think Jesus would want to talk to Zacchaeus after everything he did? Let’s watch our video lesson and find out.”

Watch Video Lesson

STORYTELLER: “Jesus knew that Zacchaeus had done wrong things? *(Pause.)* Yep. Jesus knew but Jesus said, ‘Zacchaeus, please come down! I’m going to your house today.’ Zacchaeus was so surprised! Even after all he had done, Jesus loved him and wanted to spend time with him. **Zacchaeus did not make good choices but Jesus loved him anyway! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**”

PRAYER: “That’s the truth, friends! Jesus loves us even when we do something wrong. **Jesus loves everyone.** I’m so glad that’s true! Let’s pray and thank God for sending Jesus, His Son, to us.”

WORSHIP LEADER/HOST: “Great job, everyone! Because Jesus loves us, we can love others. And we can praise Jesus and thank Him for His love and all that He does for us. In fact, we can praise Jesus every day! Let’s sing about that!”

(Lead children in singing “Praise the Lord Everyday.”)

“I love praising Jesus together with you! He is **AMAZING**, and He loves us all so much. **Who does Jesus love?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “**Jesus loves everyone.**”