

February Week 3

Garden

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CRAFT

Zacchaeus in the tree

SUPPLIES: Tree picture, Zacchaeus cut out, yarn, tape, crayons

SET-UP: Tape yarn to the back of Zacchaeus. Slip yarn through the hole punch and secure with a piece of tape near top of the page.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Review the story and pass out tree page. Pass out crayons.**

- *"Today in our Bible story we learned about a man who had made some bad choices. Do you remember what his name was? Zacchaeus! Can you say that with me? Zacchaeus!"*
- *Now Zacchaeus wasn't very tall and so when Jesus was passing by, do you remember what he did? He climbed up in a tree! Let's start by coloring the tree!*
- *Nice job! Now can you color Zacchaeus?*
- *That looks great! And now let's color Jesus at the bottom of the tree!"*

⇒ **Demonstrate how to move Zacchaeus up into the tree by pulling on the yarn.**

- *"Zacchaeus climbed up the tree so that he could get a better view of Jesus! Can you pull on your yarn and help Zacchaeus climb up the tree to the top? Great job!"*
- *But when Jesus came by, he told Zacchaeus to come down. Let's move Zacchaeus down the tree to stand next to Jesus! He knew that Zacchaeus had made some bad choices but he loved him anyway! Jesus loves everyone! He told Zacchaeus that he wanted to come to his house! And when Zacchaeus realized that Jesus loved him, he decided to pay back all the money he had taken from people. Wow!"*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"These look great, friends! I want you to use this craft to retell this story to your family when you get home. And don't forget to tell them that Jesus loves everyone!"*
- ***Who loves everyone? Jesus loves everyone!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Good choice, Bad choice

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“Today in our Bible story, we learned about a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus didn’t always make the best choices. Friends, have you ever made a bad choice? I know I have. I am so thankful that Jesus loves us no matter what choices we make!”*
- *Boys and girls, we are going to play a game to help us decide which choices are good ones that we can make.?*

⇒ **Demonstrate how to stand up or sit down for each choice.**

- *“I will call out a choice. Some are good and some are bad. If it’s a good choice I want you to stand up. If it’s a bad choice, I want you to sit down. Are you ready? Let’s play!”*

⇒ **Call out choices at random and have children sit or stand.**

- **Good Choices:**
 - *You listened to your mom.*
 - *You helped in the kitchen.*
 - *You played with your baby brother.*
 - *You let your friend go first.*
 - *You used kind words.*
 - *You called your grandma to say hi.*
- **Bad Choices:**
 - *You used unkind words.*
 - *You made a mess and didn’t clean it up.*
 - *You ate a cookie without asking permission.*
 - *You pushed your brother.*
 - *You took a toy from another friend.*
 - *You pitched a big fit when your mom said it was time for bed.*

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Great listening, friends. We all make good choices and bad choices. Just like Zacchaeus from our Bible story, sometimes we make bad choices that we know are wrong. But Jesus still loved Zacchaeus. That’s because Jesus loves everyone!*
- **Who does Jesus love?**
- **Jesus loves everyone!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Heart Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, heart stress balls, CD player, worship music

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you around the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, let’s have some fun together! This month we have been learning about how much Jesus loves us. This makes me want to celebrate! We can have fun by putting these hearts on the parachute and bouncing them HIGH!”*
- ⇒ **Turn the music on and have children join you in bouncing the parachute: High, low, fast, slow, etc. Each time all the hearts bounce off, ask...**
 - *“Who does Jesus love?”*
 - *“Jesus loves EVERYONE!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun! We can celebrate because Jesus loves EVERYONE!”*
 - ***Who does Jesus love?***
 - ***Jesus loves everyone!”***

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READ, ASK, PRACTICE & PRAY FEBRUARY WEEK 3

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *Jesus Loves Me* by Debby Anderson
- *Jesus Loves the Little Children* by Debby Anderson

ASK A QUESTION

Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other." Ephesians 4:32

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.