

# ZACCHAEUS





# Jesus Reaches Out to Zacchaeus

## Zacchaeus & Jesus, The Master Fisherman

**Tell the story** from Luke chapter 19. Be sure to read what Jesus said, “*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*” Say: “This is Jesus being a Master Fisherman.”

**Review the story** and show what Jesus did: The A,B,C’s of fishing with Jesus...

**All have sinned** (Romans 3:23). Zacchaeus was not too sinful for Jesus to love him.

**Believe in the Lord Jesus** and you will be saved. (Acts 16:31) Zacchaeus’ life was changed (saved) by meeting Jesus.

**Confess with your mouth**(Romans 10:9). Zacchaeus promised Jesus he would change.

**Q:** What did Jesus do when He met Zacchaeus?

**A:** He asked to go to Zach’s house.

**Q:** How did Zach change after he met Jesus?

**A:** He promised to quit stealing and pay back four times what he had stolen.

**Q:** How can we use knocking to share our faith in Jesus?

**A:** Tell how Jesus is at the door of their heart waiting for them to ask Him to come in.

### Challenge the Kids to Share

Review past lessons to help guide the kids to know what to say, what to pray, and how to invite their friends to receive Jesus.

## Power Point

Everyone is important to God.

### MEMORY VERSE

Revelations 3:20:  
“Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. If you hear me calling and open the door, I will come in...”

## The Story of Zacchaeus

Once, in a sunny town called Jericho, there was a teeny-tiny man named Zacchaeus. He was not very popular because his job was to collect money from people for taxes, and sometimes he took more than he should.

One day, Jesus was passing through town. Everyone wanted to see Him, even Zacchaeus! But Zacchaeus was so short, he couldn’t see over the crowd.

So, guess what he did? He ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree! From there, he could see Jesus perfectly.

When Jesus walked by, He looked up and saw Zacchaeus. He said, “Hey Zacchaeus, hurry down! I’m going to your house

today!” Zacchaeus zoomed down and was super excited to have Jesus over.

At his house, Zacchaeus was so touched by Jesus’ kindness that he decided to be nice too. He promised to give back the extra money he took and to help the poor.

Jesus was happy and said, “Today is a special day for you, Zacchaeus, because you’ve decided to be good. That’s what I’m here for, to help everyone find their way to be saved!”

And that’s the story of how a little man had a big change of heart, all thanks to a visit from Jesus, the Master Fisher of Men.

## Game and Drama: “Knock-Knock!”

### Introduce the Lesson With a Game:

Use a variation of an old game called “Who’s Missing?.” Have one child hide their eyes while a coach takes another child out of the room. The child hiding her eyes must then guess who is missing. Have the missing child knock on the door to lead into the lesson.

### After the message:

Present the drama, “Knock-Knock” to apply and model the message. There is a script of this drama in the supplement for this lesson.







**Drama: “Knock Knock!”**

Introduce this drama by saying that two children *were talking on the playground at school. The boy, Tanner, is a Christian. His friend, McKenzie, is not.*

**McKenzie:** Hi Tanner, you want to hear a knock-knock joke?

**Tanner:** Sure (*smiling*)

**McKenzie:** Knock Knock! **Tanner:** Who’s there?

**McKenzie:** Jamaica

**Tanner:** Jamaica who?

**McKenzie:** Jamaica good grade on your spelling test?

**Tanner:** (*laughs*) O.K., here’s one for YOU: Knock Knock!

**McKenzie:** Who’s there?

**Tanner:** police

**McKenzie:** police who?

**Tanner:** Police tell me another good knock joke.

**McKenzie:** So, you like knock-knock jokes, huh? O.K., knock-knock!

**Tanner:** Who’s there?

**McKenzie:** Ach!

**Tanner:** Ach who?

**McKenzie:** Bless you! That’s quite a sneeze you’ve got there!

**Tanner:** (*laughing*) McKenzie, that reminds me of a Bible verse we learned at church this week.

**McKenzie:** A Bible verse about knock-

knock jokes?

**Tanner:** Well, yes, except it’s not a joke. The Bible says Jesus is outside of our heart knocking. But if we open the door of our heart to Him, He will come in.

**McKenzie:** I’ve never heard of that before Tanner.

**Tanner:** You want me to show you in the Bible where it says that?

**McKenzie:** Sure, show me.

**Tanner:** (*Tanner points to the verse in his Bible*) McKenzie, see how it says that all we have to do is open the door and ask Jesus to come in and He will come in.

Would you like to pray right now and ask Him to come in?

**McKenzie:** You would pray with me? OK, I’d like that.

**Tanner:** Repeat after me, “Dear Jesus...I open the door of my heart...and I ask You to come in.” McKenzie, now Jesus is in your heart and your name is written in God’s book and no one can ever erase it!



