

LESSON FOR TODDLERS TO PRESCHOOLERS

Approach: Teaching Bible Truth Blended with Basic Learning
(*Alphabet and Phonics; Numbers; Shapes and Colors*)

Lesson: Recognition of the Letter **Zz**; How it Sounds and How to Write It.

Main Emphasis: Standing up for what is right for God

Bible Connect: **Jesus came to seek and save**

Bible Story: **Luke 19:1-10**

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:5

“Love isn’t selfish or quick tempered. It doesn’t keep a record of wrongs that others do.”

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this session, the students must be able to:

1. Recognize the Letter **Zz**, shapes, and colors;
2. Recite the memory verse with actions;

Clearing of Difficulties

1. **Zacchaeus** - tax collector
2. **Tax Collector** - collects money (Explain that tax collectors were pretty unpopular in the days of Jesus; The tax collectors could come around and make people pay more money than they actually should have owed, and then the collector would pocket the remaining money. So they were deceitful and greedy, but there wasn’t much that could be done about it.)

Pre-Session Activity

Introduction:

Lesson Proper

Bible Story [link](#) here

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. He heard that Jesus was in Jericho. Zacchaeus was a short man. He couldn’t see Jesus over the crowd. He climbed up a sycamore tree. Jesus arrived at the tree and asked Zacchaeus to climb down, because he was going to stay at Zacchaeus’s house. This made the crowd grumble, as they didn’t think Jesus should visit the

house of a sinner. Zacchaeus repented and restored the money more than he stole and gave away half of his goods.

Life Application

Jesus loved all kinds of people, and was 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.

Evaluation

1. What is the name of the short man who climbed a tree to get a better look at Jesus? (Zacchaeus)
2. What was Zacchaeus' job? (Tax Collector)
3. What did Jesus tell Zacchaeus while he was in the tree? ("Come down, for I'm going to your house today")
4. Why was it strange that Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus' house? (Zacchaeus was known as a sinful person and the others didn't like him)
5. What did Zacchaeus tell Jesus he was going to do? (He would give half of his possessions to the poor and paid back the people four times what he had cheated them as a tax collector)
6. What did Jesus say about Zacchaeus after he'd changed his ways and stopped cheating people? (Zacchaeus was saved and a true Jew)
7. What did Jesus come to Earth to do? (Find lost people and save them)

Enrichment Activity