



MAIN LESSON

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus is my friend.

OBJECTIVE:

In this lesson kids will learn that Jesus is a friend they can trust.

KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 19:1-10, Zacchaeus and Jesus

WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. *(Hold up a Bible.)* The Bible is God's Word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. *(Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)*

Zacchaeus was sad. Zacchaeus had no friends. He had cheated the people out of their money to make himself rich. No one liked Zacchaeus.

One day, Jesus came to the village. The people rushed out to see him. Zacchaeus came out too. But he could not see Jesus. Zacchaeus was a short man. Too short to see over the other people in the crowd.

Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus. As Jesus walked by, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down. I am going to your house today." Jesus ate dinner with Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus had made a friend in Jesus. Zacchaeus decided he would give back all of the money he had stolen and then more!

Zacchaeus was happy now. He had a friend. His new friend Jesus had changed his life.

Jesus is our great superhero. He also wants to be our friend. We can trust Jesus.

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SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

You are the greatest hero. Thank you for also being my friend.

Amen