



## LOWER ELEMENTARY

### WEEK 3- STARTER



#### Activity Name: Tic Tac Love

**What You Need:**  "Tic Tac Love" Activity Page  Game pieces

#### What You Do:

- Pair the kids up.
- Give each pair a "Tic Tac Love" board and game pieces.
- Show them how to play Tic-Tac-Toe. One person will be "Jesus" and the other will be "Hearts."
- Invite them to play several rounds against each other.
- Encourage them to cheer for each other, even if they lose a round.

#### What You Say:

Tic-Tac-Toe is such a fun game! It's great to play with friends. In our true story from the Bible today, we're going to hear about a man named Zacchaeus who didn't have many friends because he was a dishonest tax collector. But one day, he met Jesus, who saw him, and it changed everything! Let's go find out what happened."

**Lead your group to the Large Group area.**

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### WEEK 3- SMALL GROUP

### Discussion Questions:

- Zacchaeus climbed a tree just to see Jesus. What do you think made him want to see Jesus life?
- Jesus called Zacchaeus by name and wanted to spend time with him, even though others called Zacchaeus a “sinner.” What does this teach you about how Jesus sees people who have messed up or feel left out?
- Zacchaeus didn’t just feel loved—he changed. Why do you think experiencing Jesus’ love made Zacchaeus want to make things right instead of being told to?
- The crowd judged Zacchaeus and whispered about him but Jesus chose kindness. When have you seen someone judged by others, and chosen to be kind?



#### Bible Story

Zacchaeus • Luke 19:1-10

#### Bottom Line

The love of Jesus changes people.

#### Monthly Memory Verse

*"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." • John 13:34 NIV*

## Activity Name: Change for the Better

**What You Need:**  Cardstock door hangers  coloring supplies  foam heart stickers

### **What You Say:**

Let's review the story of Zacchaeus. I'll say a statement about the Bible Story. If it happened in the story, move to the "like" side (**point to one side of the group**). If it didn't happen, go to the "don't like" side (**point to the other side**)

- "Zacchaeus was a very tall man." (*"Don't like" side*)
- "Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus." (*"Like" side*)
- "Jesus was angry with Zacchaeus." (*"Don't like" side*)
- "Jesus went to Zacchaeus's house for dinner." (*"Like" side*)
- "Zacchaeus decided to give back the money he had stolen." (*"Like" side*)

Great job! Let's make a craft to help us remember the story.

### **What You Do:**

- Give each kid a "Change for the Better Hanger" Activity Page.
- Let them decorate it with the coloring supplies.
- As they color, talk about how Zacchaeus's life was changed. Ask: "How can you show Jesus' love to others when you are at home or on the go with your family?"

### **What You Say:**

These look so great! At home, cut out the circle so you can hang this on a door to help everyone remember to share the love of Jesus. Zacchaeus's life was changed so much by Jesus' love that he wanted to make things right. He promised to give half of what he owned to the poor and to pay back four times the amount to anyone he had cheated! He learned that [Bottom Line] the love of Jesus can change things for the better.

**KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP**