



WEEK  
**THREE**  
FEBRUARY 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      GROUPS      HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

## MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



### 1. COIN COLLECTING

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Plastic gold coins or yellow paper or foam circles, and paper cups

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Scatter the coins/circles on the floor around your activity area.

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves us even when we do something wrong.

**ZACCHAEUS**  
**LUKE 19:1-10**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Give each child a cup. Point out scattered coins around the room. Encourage children to pick up coins and place them in their cup until all coins have been collected. Then, gather at the table and lead the children to count how much money they collected.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Introduce Zacchaeus from today's Bible Story and explain that his job was to collect money from people.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hello, friends! Come over here and stand with me!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Look at all the coins on the floor! *(Pause.)* I'm going to give you a cup so you can put some coins in it. Let's go collect! *(Pause.)* Keep collecting until all the coins have been picked up! *(Pause.)* You collected all the coins! Great job, friends. Come to the table and let's count how many coins are in your cup. *(Pause.)* Wow! You collected a lot of coins!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus' job was to collect money from people, and a lot of people didn't like him very much. Let's go hear the story and find out why!"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by calling out a number between one and ten and leading the children to count up to that number aloud.

### MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other."

**EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

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## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer

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### 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves us even when we do something wrong.

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Let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) It's a good thing Jesus loves us even when we do something wrong because everyone has done something wrong. We all need Jesus to forgive us, right? Let's make a list of things we know are wrong. Then we can use our list when we pray. (*Suggestions: Not obeying parents, not sharing, arguing with a sibling/friend, taking something that does not belong to us, etc.*) I'll go first. (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

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**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "We've all done something wrong, just like Zacchaeus. That's what makes Jesus so special. **Jesus loves everyone**, and He will always forgive us. Let's pray and talk to God about what we wrote in our prayer journal. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love us no matter what and to show us how to love others. Please forgive us when we do things like (*read the list*). And help us forgive others too. You're the best, God. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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