



## **PRESCHOOL STORIES OF JESUS: Jesus and Zaccheus**

**Date:** Sunday July 20, 2025 **Teachers:** Laura Mc (lead) Ely E

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Matt.14:13-21 **KEY PASSAGE:** Heb. 1:3

**Props: \*\*bring from home:** favourite kids book **at centre:** activity sheet, construction paper (cut out leaves before class.

### **Review Rules:**

**One Mouth speaking at a time** (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

**Two Hands kept to myself** (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

**Two Feet kept to myself** (kids cross legs)

**SPEAK KIND WORDS LIKE OUR GOD THREE IN ONE.**

**AGENDA:** go through laminated agenda with class

**INTRO BIBLE STORY JR & SR COMBINED : materials:** (\*\*favourite kids book brought from home)

This is a story I love and it's all about\_\_\_\_\_ it has a beginning, a middle and an end. The Bible is one amazing story and its good news! The Good News about what Jesus has done is the Gospel, and it is an amazing story. This story has an amazing beginning (God started it all), and it has an amazing ending (a promise that God will make all the bad things untrue.)Who is the hero in our story? Our hero is Jesus!

We can't see God with our eyes, but we can know what God is like by looking at Jesus, and when we look at the New Testament in the Bible it tells us all about Jesus. We have learned about God by seeing Jesus who is God the Son. We see Jesus calming the storm, feeding over 5000 people from 5 loaves and 2 fishes, showing us God is powerful and loving.

## **STORIES OF JESUS: JESUS AND ZACCHEUS**

**SING A SONG:** *Zaccheus was a wee little man*

**OBJECT LESSON 1: "Find Zaccheus" (materials: picture with Zaccheus in the tree/volunteer finds him)**

Did you find Zacchaeus? Zacchaeus was in today's Bible story, people did not like him. Zacchaeus was dishonest and greedy. After Zacchaeus met Jesus, His encounter with Jesus changed him forever. He came face to face with Jesus and it changed Zaccheus, he went from thinking selfishly to becoming a new person thinking about others, he went from taking people's money to giving it away. He went from saying MINE to saying YOURS! Ask kids to think about times they say MINE. Because God loves us and has given us what we need, we can say YOURS to others, not MINE.

**TEACH KEY PASSAGE: "Jesus is the imprint of God's nature" Hebrews 1:3** (*colour on your finger with marker or ink pad (in bin) and make an imprint on paper (in bin)*). Jesus shows us what God is like. Just like this imprint shows us what our fingerprint looks like.

**ACTIVITY “Come”** Jesus told Zaccheus to come down, he wanted to be with him. God is seeking us too, He wants to be with us. He is calling us into His family. When I call your name, come to me and say “Here I am”.

**ACTIVITY: “Hide-and-seek”**

Select one kid to be the seeker. She will close her eyes and count to 30 slowly. While she counts, kids must hide within the room. When she reaches 30, she will open her eyes and warn kids that she is coming. Jesus is God’s promised Savior. People waited and waited for Jesus to come, all the while straying further and further from God. Jesus seeks us out, like He sought out Zacchaeus, we don’t want to be found until Jesus finds us and rescues us!

**PRAYER:** Father we pray that you would show us who you are through Jesus, and that when we see Jesus it changes who we are.

**COLOURING SHEET/SNACK/FREE PLAY**