



**MONTHLY
BIBLE STORY**

Zacchaeus

LUKE 19:1-10

BIBLE WORDS

"A friend loves you all the time."

PROVERBS 17:17, NCV

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is always a good friend.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.

STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a man named Zacchaeus and the time that Jesus came to town.

"Everyone was so happy that Jesus was coming—even Zacchaeus! When Jesus got there, everyone crowded around Him. Zacchaeus was small and couldn't see over the crowd, so he climbed a tree and now he could see Jesus! Jesus saw Zacchaeus in the tree and told him to come down because Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus' house. Jesus was such a good friend to Zacchaeus that Zacchaeus wanted to love people the way Jesus loved him. Zacchaeus had made a bad choice and taken money that wasn't his, so to love like Jesus, he gave back all the money he had taken! Jesus was a good friend to Zacchaeus, and Jesus will be a good friend to you and me too, because **Jesus is always a good friend.**"