



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, and "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

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 (*hold up picture of straight-faced 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. (*Crowd of excited people around Jesus with Zacchaeus at the back.*) Zacchaeus was small and couldn't see over the crowd, so he climbed a tree and now he could see Jesus! (*Hold up the picture of Zacchaeus in the tree with Jesus next to it.*) Jesus saw Zacchaeus in the tree and told him to come down so they could go to Zacchaeus' house. (*Hold up picture of Jesus and Zacchaeus at 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! (*Hold up picture of Zacchaeus giving money back to people.*) 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.**"