



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, butcher paper, and washable markers

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*) is about a man named Zacchaeus. (*Draw a stick man Zacchaeus on the butcher paper.*)

"One day, Jesus (*draw a stick man Jesus*) came to town, and everyone was so happy to see Him. (*Draw lots of smiling faces.*) Even Zacchaeus! Zacchaeus was too short to see over all the people, so he climbed a tree. And guess what? (*Draw a picture of a tree with stick man Zacchaeus in it.*) Zacchaeus saw Jesus, and Jesus saw him! (*Draw a stick man Jesus next to the tree.*) Jesus told Zacchaeus to come down because Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus' house. (*Draw stick man Jesus next to stick man Zacchaeus.*) Jesus was such a good friend to Zacchaeus that Zacchaeus wanted to love people the way Jesus loved him. (*Draw a heart between them.*) Zacchaeus had made a bad choice and took money that wasn't his, so to love like Jesus, he gave back all the money he had taken! (*Draw a stick man Zacchaeus giving money to the people with happy faces.*) 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.**"