

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body


PUT IT BACK TOGETHER
 [EARLY ARRIVAL ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED:

- nectarine or mandarin orange that separates into slices
- plates
- paper towels
- wipes
- tape
- rubber bands
- string
- music

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Calling of the Disciples
 Luke 5:1-11, 27-32

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

I can have confidence
 because I belong.

MEMORY VERSE

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."
 John 15:12, NIV

LIFE APP

Confidence—Learning to see yourself as God sees you.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set up a supply station with a few rolls of tape, strings, and rubber bands.
- Give each kid an orange and a paper plate.
- Assign each kid a workstation so they are apart from each other.
- Ask the kids to peel their orange and pull apart the slices.
- Instruct the kids to leave their peels on their plates.
- When the kids are almost done, interrupt them and tell them that you've changed your mind and you want them to put the orange back together using the following guidelines:
 - No one can touch their plate or orange until you "push play."
 - When you stop the music, the kids must leave their orange as-is on their plate.
 - They can only use the provided supplies one at a time (For example: if they are using the tape, they must return it before they can use the string.)
 - At the end of three minutes, the kid whose orange looks the most like the original orange wins.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Did you successfully put your orange back together? Just like you couldn't put your orange back together, you can't fix your broken relationship with God on your own. You need Jesus to pay the price for your sins and for God to forgive you. The entire world needed God's sacrifice of His Son Jesus, which is why He sent Jesus to pay the price for EVERYONE'S sins. Anyone who asks for God's forgiveness is forgiven. We can't do this fixing on our own, but God did it for us. How does it make you feel that God fixed your relationship with Him when you couldn't? (Pause for responses.)

Right! It makes us feel loved and happy and thankful. God wants you to feel all of those things. [Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am forgiven. Through Jesus, everything is made whole again."

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines as a group

**HURRY DOWN**

TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Tree" Activity Page
- "Zacchaeus" Activity Page
- 1" green tissue squares (15 for each kid)
- glue sticks
- hole-punch
- brown yarn
- markers
- scissors
- clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out a "Tree" and "Zacchaeus" Activity Page to each kid.
- Encourage the kids to color Jesus, Zacchaeus, and the tree trunk.
- Give each kid fifteen green tissue squares and encourage them to glue the "leaves" to the tree making sure the top hole on the tree remains accessible.
- Give each kid a sixteen-inch piece of brown yarn.
- Ask the kids to lace the yarn through the top and bottom holes of the tree.
- Tie off the yarn on the backside of the page, near the top of the tree.
- Using clear tape, ask the kids to attach Zacchaeus to the yarn at the top of the tree.
- Show the group how to move Zacchaeus down and then up the tree by gently pulling the string.
- If time allows, ask the kids to pair up to retell the story to each other.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Did you know that we are all like Zacchaeus? Everyone sins and does wrong things. But just like Jesus forgave Zacchaeus, if you ask Him, God will forgive you of the wrong things you do. Our sin puts distance between us and God. That's why God sent His Son—to bring you closer to Him. Jesus came to earth and gave up His life so you can have a relationship with God and be His close friend. Just like Zacchaeus was forgiven, you can be forgiven too. How does it make you feel that God will forgive you for every wrong thing you've done? (pause for responses) Yes! It makes us feel happy and thankful. It can even help us feel bold and brave. [Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am forgiven."

[Make It Personal] (Tell the kids about the time you asked Jesus to forgive you and you accepted His love into your heart. How did it feel?)

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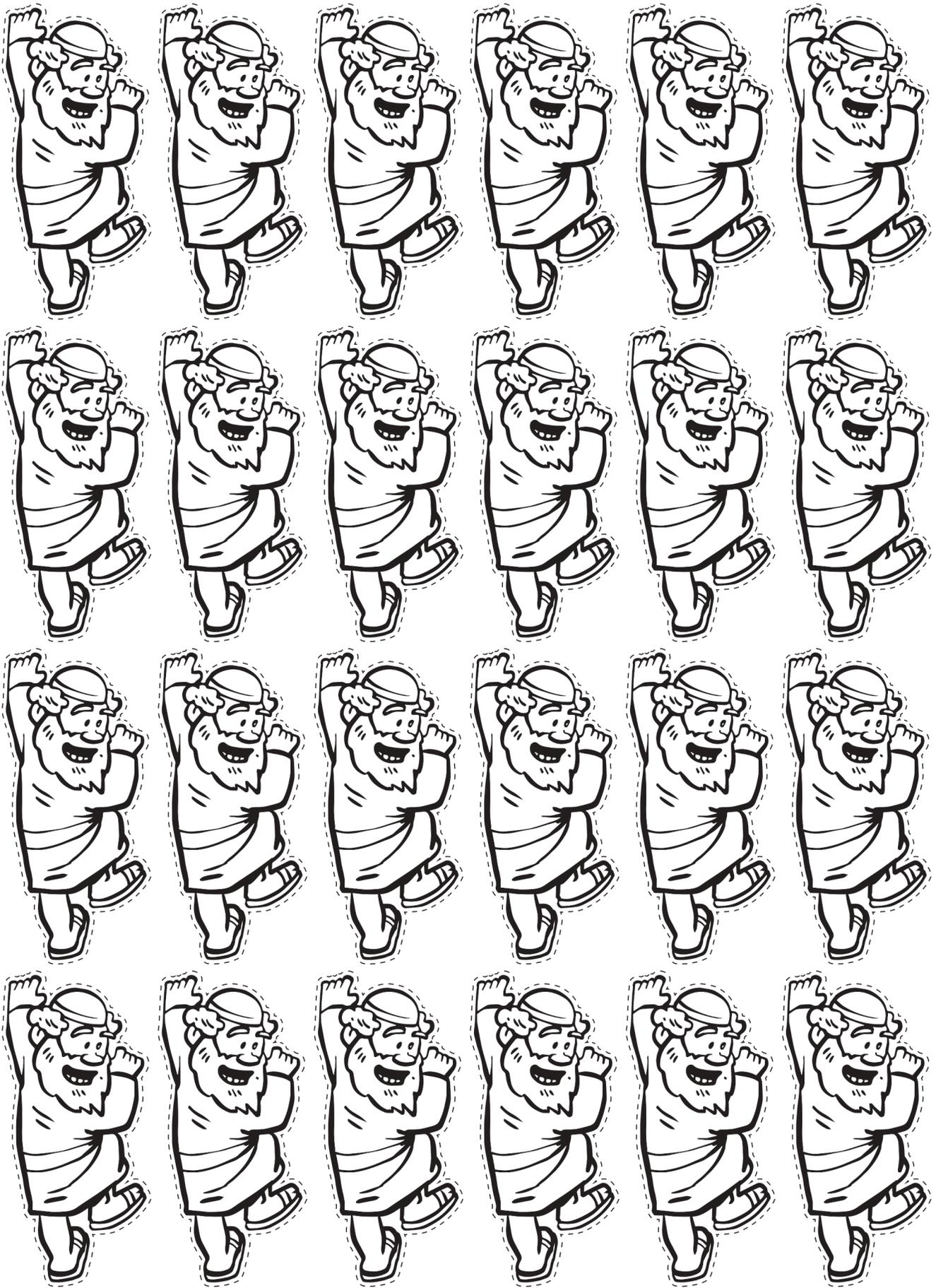
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What to Do:
Print on white cardstock. Provide one for each kid.



What to Do:
Print on cardstock and cut apart. Provide one image for each kid.

Zacchaeus

VBS, DAY 3, Small Group 2-3
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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application

**PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index Cards
- Markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out an index card to each kid.
- Ask kids to use markers to write the word “forgiven” in heavy lettering on their index card.
- Encourage kids to silently ask God to help them know if there are things they need to ask forgiveness for from God and/or someone in their lives as they color the word.
- Close in the following prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

“God, thank You for loving us no matter what. It doesn’t matter if we mess up a little or a lot, we know that You will forgive us. Thank You for offering forgiveness not just some of the time, but all of the time. We come to You with all the things we just thought about that we need Your forgiveness for. Please help us to be brave enough to not only seek Your forgiveness, but also to seek forgiveness from those we have hurt. Help us to see ourselves the way you see us so **[Bottom Line]** I can have confidence because I am forgiven, which gives me the strength to rely on You to change my actions. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

TRAVEL TIME:

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going, and to keep kids thinking about what they’re learning.

TRAVEL TIME:

- Who else do you think Zacchaeus invited to dinner with Jesus?
- Who else would YOU invite to your house if Jesus said He was coming over?
- If you could serve Jesus a special meal, what would it be?

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