

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

**VERSE PLAYLIST**

[EARLY ARRIVAL ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Memory Verse Screen" Activity Page
- music
- markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand out the "Memory Verse Screen" Activity Page, one for each kid.
- Read the verse together a few times and ask if any kids have the verse memorized and want to say it for the group. Pass out markers and let kids color the verse while listening to music. While the kids are coloring, ask:
 - What's something in nature that changes how it looks?
 - How have you changed since the beginning of the school year?
 - In what way did Jesus' love change Zacchaeus? What was different about Zacchaeus once he was forgiven and realized that Jesus loved him no matter what?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God loves you MORE than you could EVER IMAGINE! His love for you is bigger than the BIGGEST thing you can think of! And since God loves you SO much, He wants you to share His love with the people around you.

"Sometimes it's easy to love others, and sometimes it's hard. Is it ever hard for you to love people? (Pause for responses.) Is it ever hard to love your brother or sister? Is it ever hard to love the kid who annoys you? (Pause for responses.) Sometimes it can be hard to love the people around us, but with God's help we can CHANGE—we can love others just like God loves us! God can help you change anything in your heart that you'd like to change! So, remember: [Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I can change."

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Zacchaeus, Part 2
Luke 19:8-9

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

I can have confidence
because I can change.

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.

"HERE IS MY
COMMAND:
LOVE ONE
ANOTHER,
JUST AS
I HAVE
LOVED
YOU."

John 15:12, NIrV



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

Memory Verse Screen, NIrV
VBS, DAY 4, Small Group 2-3
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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

**STRAW PAN FLUTE****{TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW}****WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Prepared drinking straws,
- “Flute Illustration” Activity Page
- ruler
- clear tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Show the kids a picture of the pan flute using the “Flute Illustration” Activity Page.
- Give each kid a set of 8 prepared straws and a pair of scissors. Ask the kids to trim each straw at the mark.
- Once they are finished cutting, instruct the kids to line up the straws from the tallest to the shortest. (If necessary, show the kids how to use their Bible, a book, or the wall as a straight edge so they can arrange the tops of the straws in a flush line.)
- Give the kids a piece of clear tape two times the combined width of the straws.
- Ask the kids to lay the piece of tape on the work surface, making sure the sticky part is facing up.
- Instruct the kids to carefully transfer the straws from the longest to the shortest, starting from one end of the tape strip. (See illustration provided.)
- Next, tell the kids to wrap the other half of the tape over all the straws, making sure it completely covers each straw.
- Demonstrate for the kids how to blow across the top to produce music.
 - The shorter the straw, the higher the pitch.
 - The longer the straw, the lower the pitch.
- Encourage kids to create a simple tune like, “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.”

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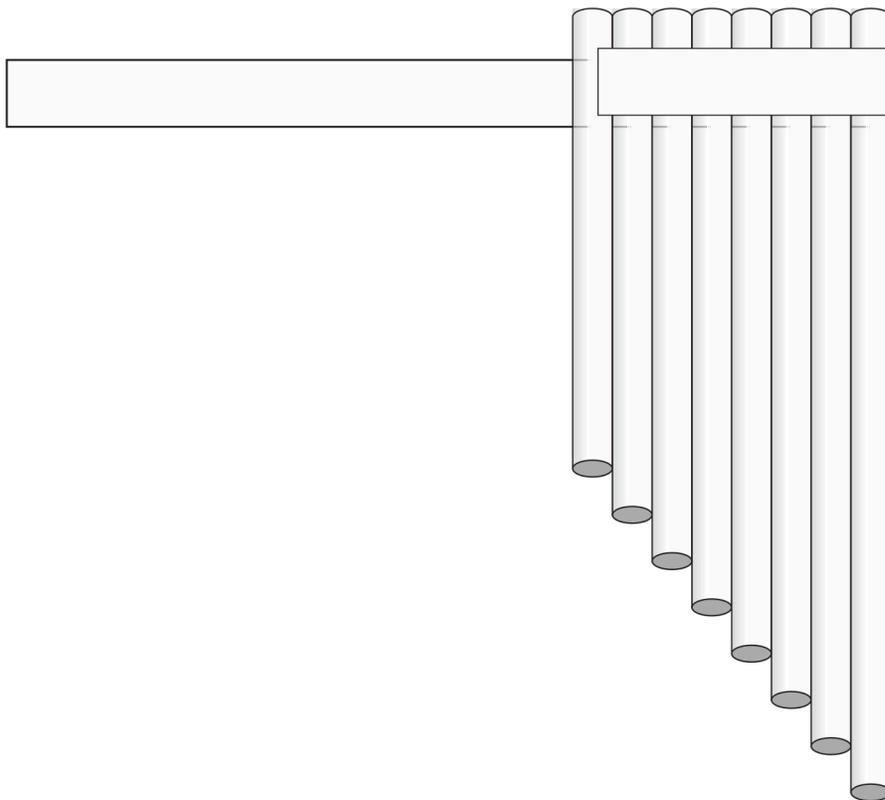
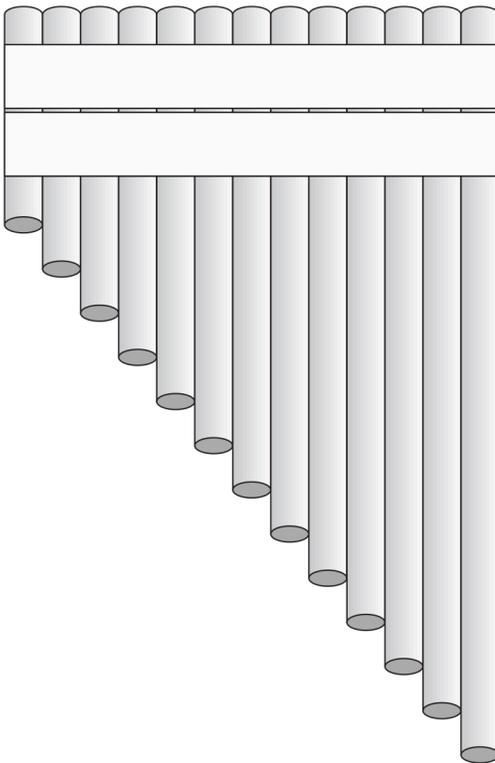
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WHAT YOU SAY:

“Why do you think each straw produces a different sound? That’s right! By cutting the straws at different lengths you were able to make each straw sound differently. The shorter the straw, the higher the pitch. The longer the straw, the lower the pitch. Making one change to each straw made all the difference in the sound it could produce! In the same way, meeting Jesus drastically changed Zacchaeus’ heart, which changed how he began to treat other people. How can you tell he had changed? (Pause for responses.) That’s right! His actions changed! Instead of being greedy, he gave half his money to the poor and if he had stolen any money, he paid people back four times as much! Jesus made Zacchaeus feel valued and that changed him.”

“When you know Jesus, the Holy Spirit can help you change how you respond. Instead of being rude, you can be kind. Instead of being negative, you can be positive. Instead of complaining, you can be grateful. Instead of being scared, you can have confidence. Why? Because God is always with you, helping you change and become more and more like Him. **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I can change. Let’s play our flutes and praise Jesus for making it possible for us to change for the good!**”



What to Do:
Print and provide one for each small group.

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.
- Instruct the kids to write the words "I Can Change" in heavy lettering on the index card using different colored markers.
- Guide the kids to silently pray and ask God to show them one thing they need to change.
- Close in the following group prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You that You have designed us to change for the good when we put our trust in You. Please help us believe that You can change our hearts, thoughts, and actions. Thank You for showing us what we need to change in our life right now. Give us the confidence to change our response to it. Remind us that [Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I can change. We pray 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 can you love this week?
- What's something silly you can change?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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because I belong.

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