

MADE TO MOVE

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


VERSE PLAYLIST
 [EARLY ARRIVAL ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED:

- hula hoops

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set the hula hoops on the floor in lines of three.
- Guide kids to get into groups of three and stand inside the hoops.
- Stand at the "front" of the lines and direct kids to face you.
- Call out the following commands for kids to follow:
 - SWITCH: the first and last kids change places
 - CHANGE: kids turn and face the other direction
 - ROTATE: the first kid goes to the end and the kid in the middle becomes the new leader.
 - Repeat as time allows.
 - Keep interest high by changing the order and the pace you call the commands.
 - Change it up by guiding kids to move different ways: slow-mo, fast forward, or rewind (walk backwards).

WHAT YOU SAY:

"In our game, you changed places and directions. But every day—with God's help—you can choose to change what you DO and how you THINK. With God's help, you can change your attitude, and instead of complaining or whining, you can be thankful. With God's help, you can be kind to your brother or sister instead of being mean to them. And with God's help, you can stop doing that thing that you ALWAYS get in trouble for doing.

"What is something that God can help YOU change? (Pause and give kids time to think. If they're still stuck after 10-15 seconds, ask prompting questions to help spur their thinking. You might ask: 'Could you tell your mom the truth instead of lying?' 'Could you share your favorite toy or game even when it's hard?' 'Could you obey your stepdad the first time he asks you to do something?')

"You can have CONFIDENCE, because with GOD'S help you can CHANGE. We say it this way: [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

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Confidence—Learning to see yourself as God sees you.

MADE TO IMAGINE

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

**BIBLE STORY EXTENSION**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Baby name books or smartphone apps (google)
- nametags
- markers
- index cards

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Zacchaeus, Part 2
Luke 19:8-9

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids that names often have a special meaning, even if we don't know it.
 - The name "Zacchaeus" means holy and pure, which is not exactly what Zacchaeus was for a good part of his life.
 - In Bible times, name meanings were very serious. Parents thought long and hard about the meaning of their children's names—not just the sound or spelling. Parents chose names for their meanings.
- Let kids look up their names in the baby name books/apps (google). They can also look up friends' and family members' names.
- Let them share the meanings of their names or other names they know.
- Set out the nametags and markers and let kids make a tag for themselves with illustrations about what their name means.
- They can use their own name, or choose a different name that means something significant to them.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

- Kids can wear their name tags for the rest of the night. Ask:
 - If you had been Zacchaeus' parents, what would you have named him?
 - After he met Jesus, what changed in Zacchaeus' life?
 - Jesus called Zacchaeus into an opportunity to live up to his name—to become pure and forgiven, to be holy in how he treated his neighbors instead of just chasing money.
 - How do you think Zacchaeus felt about his name after he met Jesus?
 - Would you ever want to change your name—why or why not?

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

I can have confidence
because I belong.

MEMORY VERSE

"My command is this: Love each
other as I have loved you."
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