

K-1 | W3

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are included as optional)

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect



Bible Story

Zacchaeus • Luke 19:1-10

Bottom Line

The love of Jesus changes people.

Monthly Memory Verse

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." • John 13:34 NIV

5 min

Social

5 min

Social Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

-  Offering Container 1
-  "Tic Tac Love" Activity Page 1

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Pair the kids up.
- Give each pair a "Tic Tac Love" board and game pieces.
- Show them how to play Tic-Tac-Toe. One person will be "Jesus" and the other will be "Hearts."
- Invite them to play several rounds against each other.
- Encourage them to cheer for each other, even if they lose a round.

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

K1 - Like It or Not | Made to Play

What You Need

-  Floor tape 1

What You Do:

- Place a line of tape down the center of the room or your Small Group rug.
- Instruct all of the kids to stand on the line.
- Explain that one side of the line is the "Like" side and the other is the "Don't Like" side.
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What You Say:

"Tic-Tac-Toe is such a fun game! It's great to play with friends.-
[Transition] In our true story from the Bible today, we're going to hear about a man named Zacchaeus who didn't have many friends because he was a dishonest tax collector. But one day, he met Jesus, who saw him, and it changed everything! Let's go find out what happened."

What You Say:

"You know this story so well! People did not like Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector who cheated his neighbors. Since Zacchaeus was not very tall, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree just to get a glimpse of Jesus. But Jesus looked up, called him by name, and said, 'I must stay at your house today' (Luke 19:5 NIV). Jesus showed him love no matter what he had done, and that made all the difference. It's true that **[Bottom Line]** the love of Jesus can change things for the better."

Start by calling out some fun things and have them jump to the side that matches their opinion.

- "Pineapple on pizza!"
- "Doing homework!"
- "Touching slime!"
- "Building with LEGO®!"
- After a few fun ones, switch to reviewing the Bible Story. Say a statement about the Bible Story. If it happened in the story, instruct the kids to go to the "like" side. If it didn't happen, direct the kids to go to the "don't like" side.
 - "Zacchaeus was a very tall man." ("Don't like" side)
 - "Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus." ("Like" side)
 - "Jesus was angry with Zacchaeus." ("Don't like" side)
 - "Jesus went to Zacchaeus's house for dinner." ("Like" side)
 - "Zacchaeus decided to give back the money he had stolen." ("Like" side)

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

K1 - Change for the Better Hanger | Made to Create

What You Need

 "Change for the Better Hanger" Activity Page 1

What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Change for the Better Hanger" Activity Page.
- Let them decorate it with the coloring supplies.
- As they color, talk about how Zacchaeus's life was changed. Ask: "How can you show Jesus' love to others when you are at home or on the go with your family?"
- Help them cut out the hanger and the circle at the top.
- Read the verse on the hanger together.

What You Say:

"These look so great! You can hang this on a door to help everyone remember to share the love of Jesus. Zacchaeus's life was changed so much by Jesus' love that he wanted to make things right. He promised to give half of what he owned to the poor and to pay back four times the amount to anyone he had cheated! He learned that **[Bottom Line] the love of Jesus can change things for the better.**"

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

K1 - Voice the Verse | Made to Imagine

What You Need

 Bibles marked at John 13:34 Several

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to form groups of 2-3.
- Give every group a Bible and direct them to look up John 13:34 using the Bible Navigation Tips.

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name. When the kids find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the right chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter

- Repeat the verse aloud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Tell the kids you're going to practice the Memory Verse in lots of fun ways.

What You Say:

"That was so fun! No matter how we say it, the message is the same: Jesus commands us to love. Jesus told the crowd that He, the Son of Man, the Messiah, came to look for the lost and save them. Zacchaeus was lost in his selfish choices, but Jesus found him! And Zacchaeus changed! When we do what Jesus commands, we see that **[Bottom Line] the love of Jesus can change things for the better.**"

- Read the verse together in a normal voice first: "I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." John 13:34
- Then, challenge the kids to say the verse in different voices.
 - "Now, let's sing it like opera singers!" (Use big, booming voices.)
 - "Now, let's shout it like a coach!" (Cup hands around mouth and shout.)
 - "Now, let's say it like robots!" (Use a monotone, choppy voice.)
 - "Now, let's whisper it like it's a secret!"
- Let kids suggest other silly voices to try and try saying the verse in them!

5 min

Prayer

5 min

K1 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

- 👤 Prayer jar from Week 1 1
- 👤 Bag of candy hearts from Week 1 1

What To Do:

- Instruct the kids to form a circle. Give each kid a candy heart, and put the Prayer Jar in the middle of the circle.
- Encourage the kids to think of one person who might be younger than them that they can pray for. It could be a baby brother or sister, a cousin, or a neighbor.
- Go around the circle, and as each kid names their person, let them add a heart to the jar.
- Ask for a volunteer to pray for some of those names.
- Store the Prayer Jar in a safe place to use again next week

What To Say:

"Our prayer jar is filling up with so much love! Let's pray for all the younger people we named and ask God to help us show them His love.

"Dear God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for the story of Zacchaeus that shows us Your love can change anyone. Please be with the people we prayed for today. Help us to be like Jesus and show them Your love, because we know Your love can make everything better. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen."

Supplies

Social Activity | Made to Play Quantity

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| 1. | Offering Container | 1 |
| 2. | "Tic Tac Love" Activity Page | 1 |

K1 - Like It or Not | Made to Play Quantity

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| 1. | Floor tape | 1 |
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K1 - Change for the Better Hanger | Made to Create Quantity

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| 1. | "Change for the Better Hanger" Activity Page | 1 |
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K1 - Voice the Verse | Made to Imagine Quantity

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| 1. | Bibles marked at John 13:34 | Several |
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K1 - Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect Quantity

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| 1. | Prayer jar from Week 1 | 1 |
| 2. | Bag of candy hearts from Week 1 | 1 |