



I Can Choose the Door that Leads to Jesus 1 year olds - 4 year olds

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus and Zacchaeus- Luke 19:1-10

Bottom Line: I can choose the door that leads to Jesus.

Leader Context: Most everyone has dealt with rejection, even Zacchaeus. Jesus did not see Zacchaeus as the cheat and liar the rest of the town saw in him. He saw him and loved him. Zacchaeus chose to love Jesus in return for the love that He had shown him. He turned from his old life of sin and emptiness and turned to a life full in Christ. We can choose to ignore the emptiness of the world and the lies we believe when we choose to love Christ and be reminded of who we are in Him.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Videos

Bible Story Video (5 minutes)

Transition to Teaching Video - Say This!

Why were the people not happy about Jesus being with Zacchaeus? *They didn't like Zacchaeus because he was a dishonest man. He lied to them and cheated. They didn't like Jesus being with someone like that.*

Does Jesus want to be your friend? *Yes!*

In our video today Zacchaeus met Jesus and wanted to give money to the poor. Jesus saw Zacchaeus' response and told him, 'The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.' When we choose to believe that Jesus is God's Son, sent to make a way for everyone to have life with Jesus forever by dying on the cross for our sins and raising in 3 days to prove He was God's Son, we can call Jesus our friend too and God's send His Holy Spirit to help us make better decisions every day. Let's watch this video together to see how to choose Jesus every day.

Teaching Video (10 minutes)

Jesus Washes Away the Sins of the World (20 minutes)

What You Need: world printable (1 per kid laminated), black wet erase markers, squirt bottle with water in it, paper towels

What You Do:

- Give each kid a world printable and marker.
- Encourage them to color all over the world .
- Remind them the color they are adding to the world is sin, anything we do that separates us from God like hurting others with words and actions, disobeying our families and teachers, taking something that doesn't belong to us, like Zacchaeus, etc.
- Then ask kids to help you spray water on their world. Give them a paper towel and ask them to wipe the sins off the world.
- Remind kids this is what happens when we believe in Jesus for life. God does not see us for our sins any more. We can be his friend and live with and for Him forever.
- Each kid can take their world home to try this activity at home.

Say:

What was Zacchaeus's job? *A tax collector, which means he took other people's money. People did not like him very much..*

Were people happy about Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house? *No, they didn't like him so they didn't understand what Jesus wanted to be with him.*

Why did Jesus want to be with Zacchaeus? *He loves all people*

How did Zacchaeus choose the door that leads to Jesus? *He told Jesus he would give money to the poor and be honest. Zacchaeus admitted his bad choices and chose to follow Jesus instead. It doesn't matter how smart we are or how good we are; all that matters is we choose to try our best to follow Jesus.*

"Zara and Winston make a good team because they are such good friends. Can anyone tell me who else wants to be our friend? Jesus! When we choose to be friends with Jesus, He will save us from our sins. Jesus wants to be our friend because He loves us so much.

This week we can remember that we can choose to be friends with Jesus. We can be friends with Jesus by believing in Him for life and choosing to follow Him with our whole lives. Now let's pray together:

"God, thank You for always being there for me. Please be my friend and show me how to make choices that make you happy. I want to believe in you. Thank You for loving me no matter what I do and always being my friend. I love you. Amen.

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.