



Sept 17

## God Sees Me Kindergarten - 5th grade

### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** Jesus Saw Zacchaeus - Luke 19:1-10

**Bottom Line:** God knows me and calls me to love and follow Him.

**Leader Context:** God sees us. Jesus saw Zacchaeus way up in a tree and called him by name in Luke 19:1-10. Jesus sees each of us- and our kids- and calls us by name. For the kids who think they've been overlooked or forgotten, we get to tell them that God knows each of us. He sees us. He knows us by name, and He loves us. God has called each of us to follow Him. Just like Jesus called Zacchaeus, He has called us by name to follow 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 Instruction Page

#### 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 (10 minutes)

**Say This!** I love opening the Bible and discovering more about God.

In this story from the Bible, Jesus saw Zacchaeus in the tree. He stopped, looked up, and invited Zacchaeus to come down. Jesus went to Zacchaeus's house and after spending time with Jesus, Zacchaeus said he would give up half of what he had to the poor, and if he had taken anything from anyone as a tax collector, He would give up to four times the amount.

Before meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus had gathered money and stuff because he thought that was the most important thing in life, but after meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus knew that following God was the most important thing he could do.

Just like Jesus saw Zacchaeus, God sees us, no matter where we are, and He cares for us. We may be short or tall but that doesn't make a difference to God because He sees so much more than how we look on the outside. God cares about what we are thinking and what we are feeling. He sees if we are angry or if we have joy. God can see when we are feeling excited or when we are feeling sad and alone. Zacchaeus' life changes when he heard more about who Jesus is. Our lives are also changed when we learn more about Jesus and choose to follow Him. We can take comfort knowing that God knows what we are going through because He sees us!

God knows you and wants to have a relationship with you. When God sent Jesus to earth, He made it possible for you to know Him. Some of you have questions about what it means to know God and how you can have a relationship with Him. I would love to chat with you about that anytime.

**Look Up Look Down(20 minutes)****What You Need:** no supplies needed**What You Do:**

Let's all stand in a circle. You have 5 seconds. 5-4-3-2-1. Awesome. It is time to play a fun game called "Look Up, Look Down". When I say "look Down" everyone must look down at their feet. When I say "look up" everyone will immediately look at someone in the circle and point to the them. If the person you are looking at is also looking at you, both of you are out and will sit down where you are. We will be moving fast, so be sure to listen for what I give the commands. The one or two people standing or the winners, and we will start a new round. Here we go.

**Say:** While we were playing, there was a moment when we looked up and we saw someone looking right back at us. Imagine if you were Zacchaeus and you were in the tree watching Jesus go by. Jesus looked up right at you?!

Zacchaeus was important to Jesus, and we can know that we are important to God and that He sees us. We are seen by God and He knows each of us. God sees us, and He knows everything about us.

We are important to Him. Now let's spend a little time talking about this story and how we can know God see us better.

**Discussion Questions:**

- If you could go anywhere in the world and see anything, where would you want to go, and what would you want to see and why?
- What's the difference between seeing those amazing things as a picture verses seeing them in person? *It's exciting to be in person, you can tough things in person, a photo is still, being in person means you see more.*
- God sees each and every little thing about us. What are some things you see that are the same between you and someone else in our group? What is something you see that is may special to only you?
- The Bible tells us we are known because God sees us. Let's open our Bible to Luke 19:8-9 and read about it together. *Help kids find the passage and read it out loud or have a kid read it to the group.* What do you think that passage is telling us?
- God saw Zacchaeus even when he was way up in a tree. Zacchaeus was so glad to be seen by Jesus, everything changes. What ways can our lives change when we believe that God sees us and loves us? *We are joyful, we want to tell others, we feel like Jesus is always with us.*
- God knows each of us. He knows us by name and loves us. God has called each of us to follow Him. Just like Jesus called Zacchaeus He has called us by name to follow Him. Does anyone have any questions or anything you want to share?
- What are some different things that could happen that would make someone feel forgotten or overlooked? How can the truth that God sees you help someone when they feel like that?
- The Bible tells us that God knows us because He sees us. God can zoom in on what you are thinking and feeling because He knows us inside and out.

**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.