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Hello!

Happy new year! Last year was a challenging one to say the least, but as we look to this new year, we pray that the Lord would use our hardships to teach and transform us in new and fresh ways.

We are excited to be starting a new series as a church, entitled "Encounters with Jesus." Each week we will be focusing on a person in the Bible that had a unique encounter with Jesus and will be looking at what we can gain from their story. Just like us, no two peoples encounters with Christ are the same, each of us has a story that Jesus wants to be invited into and redeem. It is our hope that in the month of January we can help kids know that they too can encounter Jesus in real and tangible ways. He longs to be apart of their story just like the people we will be learning about.

## JANUARY LESSONS

Week 1: The Samaritan Woman's Encounter with Jesus

Week 2: The Syrophenician Woman's Encounter with Jesus

Week 3: The "Sinful Woman's" Encounter with Jesus

Week 4: Peter's Encounter with Jesus

Week 5: Zacchaeus' Encounter with Jesus

All materials and resources you will need for each weeks' lesson are provided in your January package.

Thank you for investing your time to teach our children about Jesus! We pray the time you spend teaching your children will be fun, fruitful and blessed— Know that we are cheering you on every step of the way!

You got this!

The CM team exists to serve leaders like you! Please never hesitate to reach out to us for assistance or provide feedback, we would love to hear from you! You can contact us here:

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## JANUARY UPDATES:

January

Memory Verse:

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."

-- 2 Timothy 1:7

Video Resource

Access:

[www.hpackids.org](http://www.hpackids.org)

Click on the "VIDEOS" tab

Family Church Events:

TBD



# WEEK 5

**DATE: JANUARY 31-6**

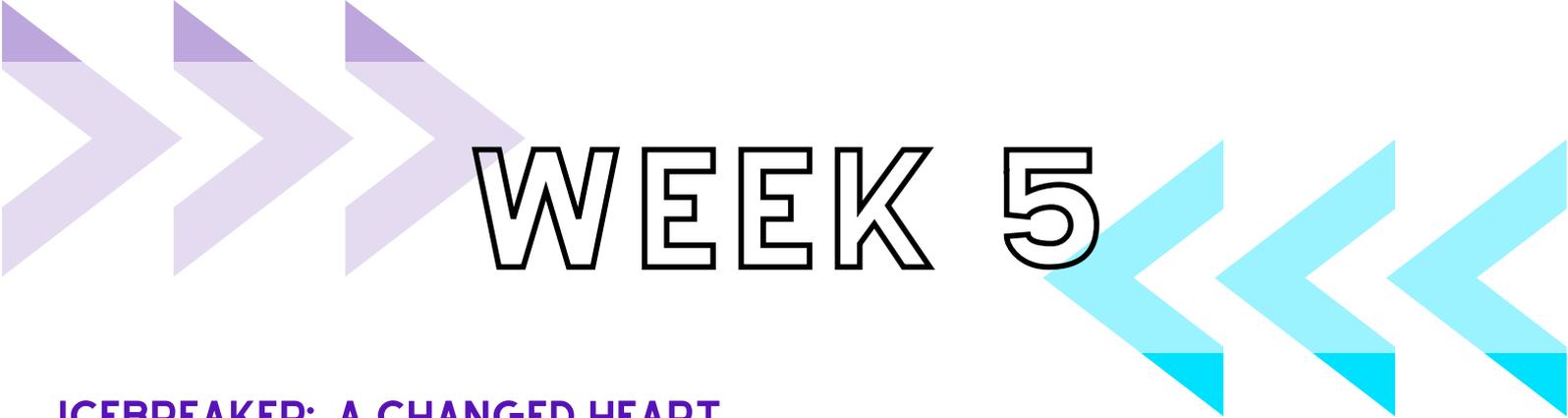
**ZACCHAEUS'**

**ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS**

**PASSAGE: LUKE 19: 1-10**

**PLEASE NOTE BEFORE YOU PLAN FOR YOUR LESSON:**

The format order and activities in this lesson package are suggested tools to help you teach this Bible lesson. We know that with varying ages, stages and interests, elements of this lesson may need to be modified to best suit the children in your care. We encourage you to read through the suggested materials and personalize it to best suit your group. Good luck, you got this!



# WEEK 5

## ICEBREAKER: A CHANGED HEART

What You Need:

- Red Paper
- Scissors

What To Do:

- Before you begin with the children cut out two large hearts in red paper for each child
- Take one heart and tear it in a few places and crumple it up and flatten it back out so it looks tattered and crinkled.
- Sit down in a circle and pass out a crumpled heart to each child, tell them that you want to each give them their own heart. Wait for their responses noticing that the hearts are flawed and discuss what is wrong with them.
- Then pass out the new hearts and explain how in our lesson today we will be learning about how Jesus gave a man named Zaccheaus a new heart...

## INTRO TO LESSON/PRAAYER:

Before watching the video with your kids, pray over your time together. Prepare their hearts to receive the Bible lesson. Encourage the children in your group to participate if they feel comfortable.

## VIDEO AND OPTIONAL WORSHIP:

Take this time to watch the corresponding teaching video. You may choose as many worship songs to sing with the kids in your group as well.

## POPCORN QUIZ:

Ask the questions below to the children in your group and allow for answers. There are prizes prizes included in your package if you wish to use them to encourage participation! Some questions are harder than others, choose/adapt the questions to best suit the age group you are working with. Feel free to come up with questions of your own if you wish!

Q: What was Zacchaeus' job?

A: Chief Tax Collector

Q: Why couldn't Zaachaeus see Jesus in the crowd?

A: He was too short



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## POPCORN QUIZ:

Q: What did Zacchaeus do so he could see Jesus?

A: He climbed a tree

Q: What kind of tree did Zacchaeus climb?

A: A Sycamore Tree

Q: What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus when he saw him in the tree?

A: Come down/ I must stay at your house today

Q: How did the crowd react when Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house?

A: They grumbled/ said that Jesus was going to the house of a sinner

Q: How did Zacchaeus welcome Jesus to his house?

A: Joyfully

Q: What did Zacchaeus tell Jesus he would do with his money?

A: Give half of what he had to the poor/ pay back what was due to those he had wronged

Q: What happened to Zacchaeus when he encountered Jesus?

A: He received Salvation

Q: Jesus said, "The Son of man came to seek and save the \_\_\_\_."

A: Lost

## DISCUSSION/APPLICATION:

We want to encourage our children to apply what they learn in the Bible to their own lives. It is important that we encourage discussion and model it by guiding the discussion. Review these questions beforehand and be prepared to share your answers with your kids!

1) Zacchaeus did not have many friends, and was often alone. Have you ever felt this way?

2) Jesus befriended Zacchaeus even though Zacchaeus was seen as someone who didn't have friends. How can we learn from Jesus?

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Close your discussion with your group in prayer. Use the prayer book provided in your package to take down any prayer requests of the children in your group. By writing them down, you will be reminded to pray for these requests throughout the week, and will have something to look back on as a reminder of God's faithfulness.



# WEEK 5

## ACTIVITY: THE TREE CRAFT

### What You Need:

- Printable, attached to curriculum
- Scissors
- Glue
- Popsicle stick
- String
- Hole puncher

### What To Do:

- Cutout the characters, attach a string to Zaccheaus and the popsicle stick to Jesus & colour them in!
- Hole punch the whole in the tree, colour in the tree, and put the string (attached to Zaccheaus) through the hole (this will imitate Zaccheaus going up and down the tree)
- Now you can act out the Bible story lesson!

## MEMORY VERSE REVIEW: MEMORY VERSE

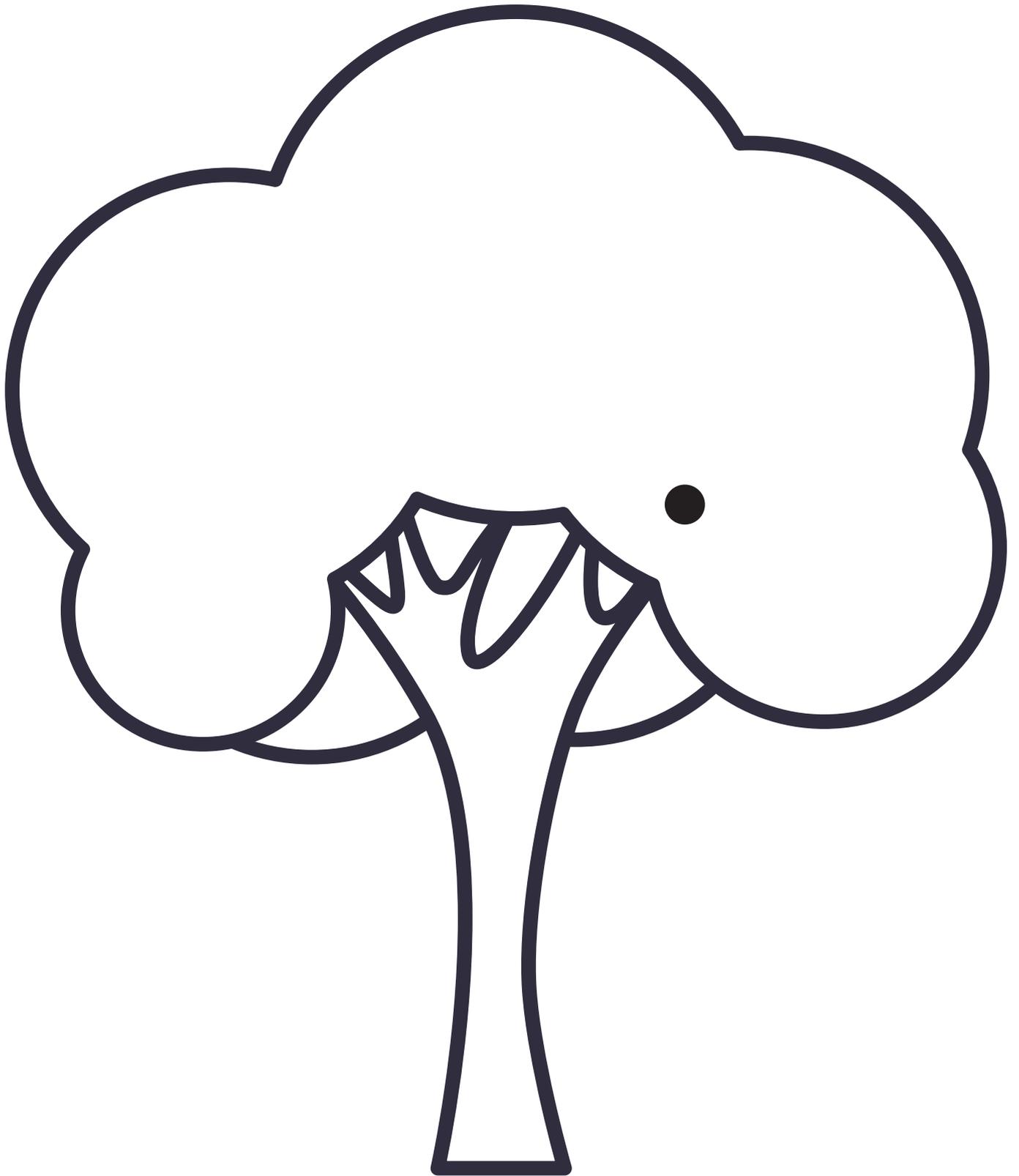
Please go to our provided Memory Verse Video to review the actions with your children. Note: In order for us to document who has completed their memory verse for the month, Please email us videos of children reciting their memory verse. Children that recite all memory verses for the year will receive an award. We will be holding a memory verse awards ceremony in May 2021. Email: [Ashlyn@hpac.org](mailto:Ashlyn@hpac.org)

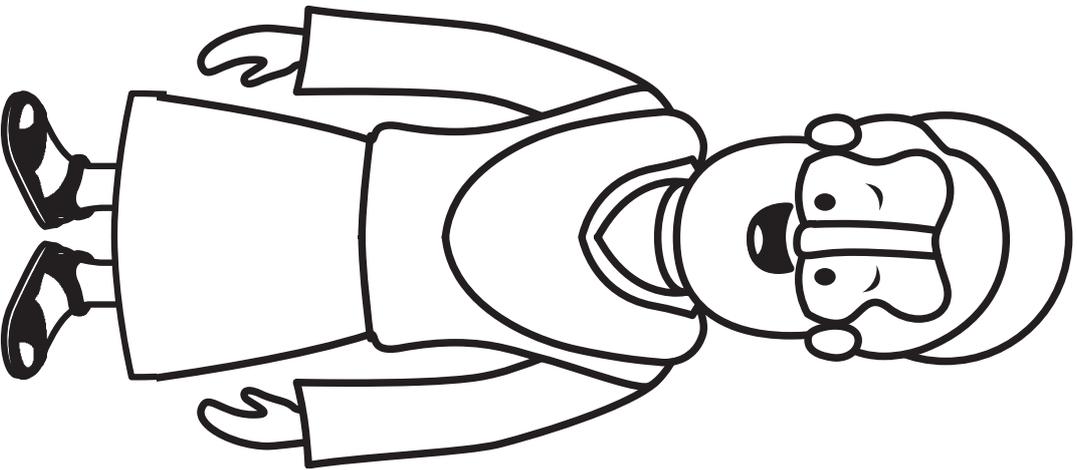
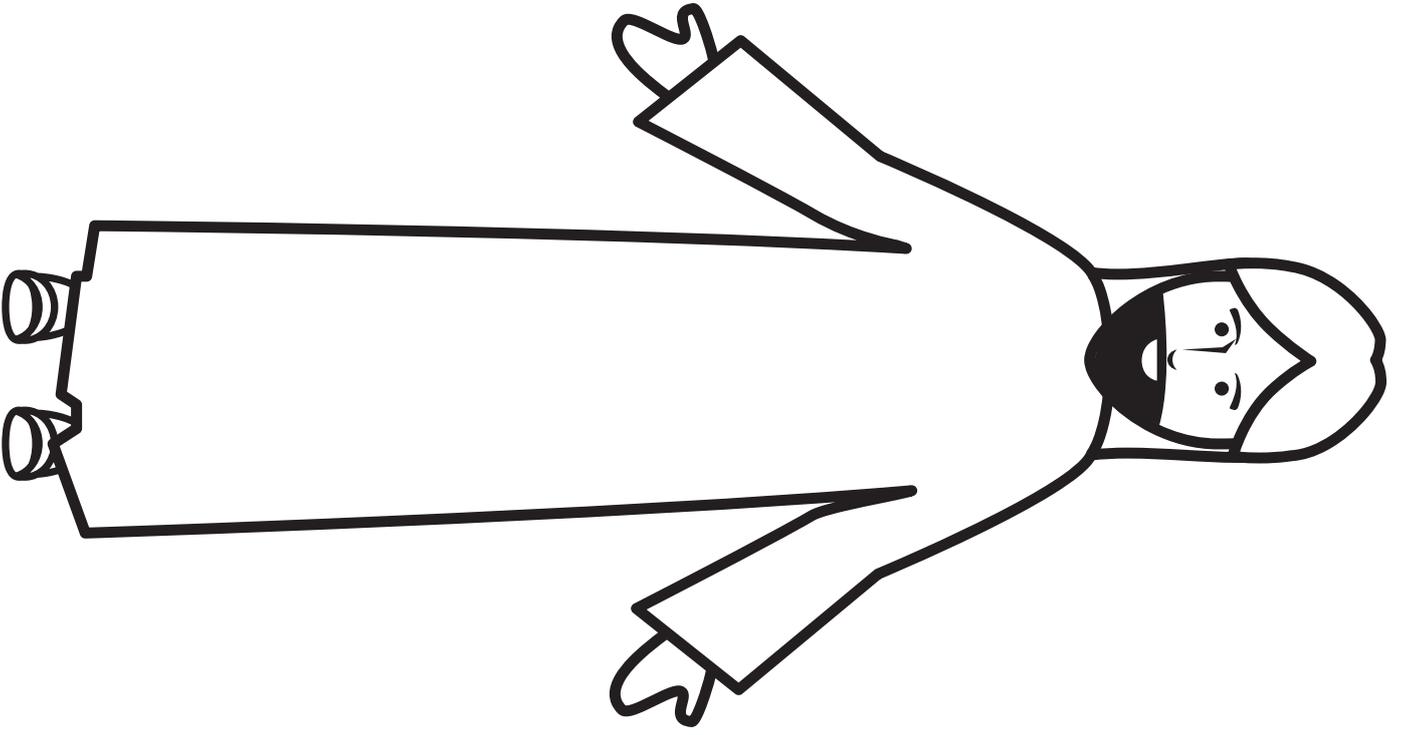
## SNACK:

You will find labeled pre-packed snacks and juice boxes in your monthly package. Hand these out to your kids and enjoy!

## FREETIME:

Use this time to interact and play with the children in your care or have them do an activity you have planned on your own! No matter how you use this time, we hope it is meaningful and fun!





**Zacchaeus climbs  
a tree to see Jesus.**

Luke 19:1-9

