



R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

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| LESSON TITLE Life of Jesus – Jesus meets Zacchaeus | LEARNING STAGE LKS2 | WST TEACHER/DATE Mrs Tricia Bastable/Mrs Johanna Jordan | BIBLE REFERENCE Luke 19:1-10 |
| AIM: To understand the Bible story of Zacchaeus LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To explore the Bible story of Zacchaeus and what it shows us about how to treat each other. | MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Justice and fairness Sources of wisdom Other AOL covered: Beliefs and practices Human responsibility and values | LESSON RESOURCES WST will bring: Storybook/Bible Worksheets School to provide: Access to show video clips https://vimeo.com/channels/streetwisevideos/page:2?fbclid=IwAR2045ItRAXQkb4BiGN Photocopies of worksheets Colouring pencils | VOCABULARY |

Introduction

Christians believe in God. The Bible (the Holy or special book Christians read) tells us about God and tells us the big story of God's plan for the world. This big story starts with how God made the world. God made everything perfect and beautiful. He also made people and he wanted people to be his friends and to be friends with each other. But then things changed. People didn't want to listen to God and instead wanted to decide things for themselves and it spoiled their friendship with God. This made God very sad, but he had a plan. A plan to restore his friendship with people. He promised to send someone special who would be a leader to the people, who would tell them about God and teach them about forgiveness. Christians believe this special person was Jesus and that Jesus was the Son of God.

Today we will be looking at a story about Jesus from the Bible. Some stories tell us about amazing things Jesus did (miracles), others are about someone Jesus met and how it changed their lives or a story he made up. All these stories help us to understand more about God. So at the end of the story I'll ask you what you think Jesus wants people to understand about God.

Main content:

Can you think of a time when somebody treated you unfairly? How did it make you feel? Did the person ever say sorry? In today's story from the Bible there is someone who treated others very badly. But when he met Jesus, his life (and his behaviour) changed forever.

Set the scene. In the country where Jesus lived there were some unfair things happening. His country had been invaded by the Romans and they were in charge. The people had to pay taxes to the Romans, which they were very unhappy about. But some Jewish people who worked for the Romans made it worse by cheating the people off even more money to make themselves rich. We are going to look at the story of a man called Zacchaeus, who was one of those cheating tax collectors. But when he met Jesus things changed.

Show the video clip of the story: <https://vimeo.com/channels/streetwisevideos/page:2?fbclid=IwAR2045ItRAXQkb4BiGN>. (Or alternatively www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zq9jxnb or https://www.max7.org/en/resource/zacchaeus_or)

Using PowerPoint discuss the story (some can be discussed in talking partners before discussing plenary):

- What was Zacchaeus like before he met Jesus? Did he have many friends? On flip chart or white board make a list of character traits of Zacchaeus. Keep space for another column to describe what he was like after he met Jesus.
- In the story, lots of people have come to see Jesus. Why? Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus?
- Why did Zacchaeus climb in a sycamore tree?
- When Jesus passed, he called Zacchaeus down and said that he must visit Zacchaeus at home.
 - How do you think Zacchaeus felt about this?
 - How do you think the people felt about this?
- At the end of the story we hear that Zacchaeus has changed. How? What did Zacchaeus do? Make a second column on the flip chart or board with words that describe Zacchaeus now.
- What do you think Jesus and Zacchaeus talked about so that he changed?
- How do you think people felt about Zacchaeus after he had changed?

Discuss what lessons are in the story. What can we learn about Jesus/God from the story?

The Bible teaches that God loves everyone and that even people who have done bad things can become friends with God. They can be forgiven when they say 'sorry' for the wrong things they have done and change their lives to do the right thing. Christians believe that Jesus, as God's Son, came into the world to bring forgiveness to the people. Zacchaeus was very different after he met Jesus. Christian people today ask God to help them to change and to be more like Jesus.

Reflection: invite the children to think whether there is something they would like to change in their lives? Would they like to treat others better? If they want to they can make a promise (quietly in their heads) to try to be kind to everyone and to treat others fairly.

Activity:

Draw a picture of Zacchaeus before and after he met Jesus. Add speech and/or thought bubbles to show what kind of man he was and how other people responded to him.

Extension/enrichment activities:

Extra activity sheets/word search

Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions:

Are there some things in your life you might want to change? Do you need to say sorry to someone?

Class teacher's notes:

