

First Congregational Church Sunday School

Zacchaeus

“Love your enemies and be good to everyone who hates you. Luke 6:27

This February in Sunday School, we will learn the story of Zacchaeus. Our memory verse for the month is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3: 5-6 Don't forget to check in with Miss Linda once you have this memorized for your chance to pick out a prize. Our sermon in Children's Chapel will be *the Tallest of Smalls* by Max Lucado. It provides an encouraging message: When you feel like you are the smallest of smalls, Jesus' love can make you feel like the tallest of tall.

Zacchaeus Workshops

- ✧ Apostle's Playhouse: Tell the story of Zacchaeus with clothespin characters and scenery that you make in Apostle's Playhouse.
- ✧ Creation Station: It's time to get the creative juices flowing as we respond to the story of Zacchaeus.
- ✧ Good News TV: We will have a special guest today. Zacchaeus himself will be here for a live interview!

What we will learn:

- ✧ God loves and forgives us no matter what mistakes we have made.
- ✧ When we are sorry, we want to make up for things we have done wrong.
- ✧ Jesus asks to live in our hearts.

Family Time and Prayer:

Read: Read Luke 19: 1-10

Reflection: In Jesus' day, people thought tax collectors were worse than thieves. They were traitors. They got rich by hurting their own people. In Jesus' day, to share a meal with someone meant that you were their friend. So why would Jesus be friends with such a horrible person? Because Jesus saw something in Zacchaeus that everyone else missed: potential. And Zacchaeus saw something in Jesus that he couldn't find anywhere else: love. Where do you fit in this story? Are you like Jesus, or Zachaeus, or are you standing in the crowd?

Prayer: Thank you God for sending Jesus to help save the lost. Help us to choose to follow Jesus and to put our love for Jesus into action. Amen

Offering: Our Offering this month is for the Heifer Project, which works to end world hunger by helping people become self-sufficient.

Volunteer Project: Monday, February 6 @ 4pm at the Brink's (3322 Coppice Ct). We will be preparing crafts for the shut-in's.

Family Friendly Event: February 26th 4pm Potluck dinner and Church talent showcase. Please bring your Bible every Sunday.