



New Testament - Lesson 3

Luke

Theme: The Story of Jesus as the Perfect Man

Key Verse: For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

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This Week

Read Luke 19:1-10

Tax collectors in Jesus' day were hated by the Jews because they worked for the Roman government. They earned their living by increasing the amount of taxes owed and keeping the extra money for themselves. Many tax collectors became very greedy and increased the taxes A LOT in order to make themselves rich.

- How do you think he felt when Jesus talked directly to him rather than the other "good" people around?
- Why do you think Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house?
- Jesus never told Zacchaeus to return any money. Why do you think Zacchaeus did that?
- How has understanding Jesus' love and forgiveness led to changes in your life?

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NT Book: Luke

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Video: Jesus' Miracles

Teaching Points: Pharisees try to point out sin in Jesus (Luke 5:27-6:11)

Class Time

Review Activities

- Review flash cards
- "Make it Stick" - Display the Bible verse and say it together. Then ask the kids to say the verse in each of these different ways: at a normal pace while standing; fast forward while jogging in place; in a whisper while tiptoeing; in a normal voice while walking backward; etc. Use your imagination to make your own action or have kids make them up for each other.

Small Group Activity

- Work together on the word find of Luke 19:10

Large Group Game

- Read parables of the lost sheep, coin and son (Luke 15). Have a tournament in which kids pair up and stand back-to-back with a partner. On the count of three, they turn around and say either, "Baa," "Clink, clink" or "Yo!" (for lost sheep, coin & son). The sheep beats the son (Sheep kick, you know.); the son beats the coin (He spends it.); and the coin beats the sheep. (Sheep aren't very smart; they could eat a coin and choke.) Have winners find a new partner and keep playing until you are down to one winner. Wrap up with how important it is for people to understand Jesus came to seek and save the lost!

Take Home Page

- Send a take home page with each child and encourage them to spend time with God during the week.



BELIEFS

Parents & Kids Learning The Bible Together

Luke 19:10

P E R F E C T H T P
J J J E I H T A S B
Q B E C E N A C O Q
I Z F S S P O V L A
M X I M U M E O R N
L I U U E S Q V O Q
U M A N M F C S A L
K Q E F J J W S I S
E P B R A D Z U K V
K E E S L T P G N V

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JESUS