

The Story of Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Memory Verse

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." --Luke 19:10 (NLT)

Message

Encounters with Jesus can change our hearts.

Talk About It

Talk with your child about how quickly the people complained about Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house. They even referred to him as a "sinner". The people were judging Zacchaeus because they didn't like him.

Ask your child if he/she has ever had this happen in their life? Did they ever jump to conclusions quickly about a person and find themselves judging them? Maybe someone was quick to judge your child. How did that make him/her feel? Discuss this together.

Jesus wants us to love our enemies. That takes a very powerful kind of love and compassion. Talk about who our enemies might be. It can be anyone who thinks differently from us, looks down on us, or even treats us badly. It could be a neighbor, a school mate, a relative, or even a friend. If we are kind and loving to them, we just may draw them into God's house. If Jesus can love people who put Him to death, then surely, we can love those who look down on us. Talk about it.