

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

LIFE OF CHRIST #18 – “A New Life in Christ”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: Others should see that your life is changed.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Fruit of the Spirit – Our Words”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: Life of Christ #18 Activity Sheet

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (6 minutes)

2 Corinthians 5:17 – ***“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.”***

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

“**Guess Who**” – Choose a child to be “it.” He will come and stand with his back to the group. Another child is silently selected to say the reference by himself, but the whole group repeats the rest of the verse together. The one who is “it” must guess who said the reference. Repeat, giving other children a chance to be “it” and to say the reference.

HYMN FOR LIFE OF CHRIST #13 – #18: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

LIFE OF CHRIST #18 – “A New Life in Christ”

(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS: (6 minutes)

Teach information for Week #15. (See attached page.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #18. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

MISSIONARY TIME: (14 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while a child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for Week #18 using the "Go and Tell" Box. (See attached pages.)
3. Pray for the missionary.
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: _____
6. Story: *Whiter Than Snow*. Review briefly. Then teach the part of the story for Week #8.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

"Gingerbread Cookies" – You will need to cut two red felt circles about nine inches in diameter that will be used as cookie plates (or use the attached plates). Back the gingerbread men for the flannelboard (plates if needed), and cut out. Place the cookie plates on the flannelboard and put five cookies on each plate. Have a paper lunch bag with ten cards in it. Three cards have the number 2; four have the number 1; three have zero. Divide the children into two teams. When a child correctly answers a review question, he may choose a card from the bag and "eat" (remove from plate) that many cookies from his team's plate. The first team to "eat" all their gingerbread cookies wins the game. – By Lynda Vitalo, *GIVE & TAKE*, January/February 1996.

Review questions for LIFE OF CHRIST #18:

1. **Where did the tax collector in our story live?** (Jericho)
2. **Why did most people dislike tax collectors?** (They cheated and stole money from people, worked for the Roman government)
3. **What was the name of the tax collector in our story?** (Zacchaeus)
4. **What about Zacchaeus made it difficult for him to see Jesus through the crowd?** (He was short)
5. **What strange thing did Zacchaeus do so he could see Jesus?** (Climbed a sycamore tree)
6. **What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus when He saw him up in the tree?** ("Come down. I must stay at your house today.")
7. **What did Zacchaeus say that proved he had become a new person?** ("I'll give half of what I own to the poor. If I have cheated, I will pay back four times as much as I took.")
8. **What did Jesus say came to Zacchaeus' house that day?** (Salvation)
9. **If Jesus is your Saviour, what is one thing that will show there's been a change in your life?** (Answers will vary)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

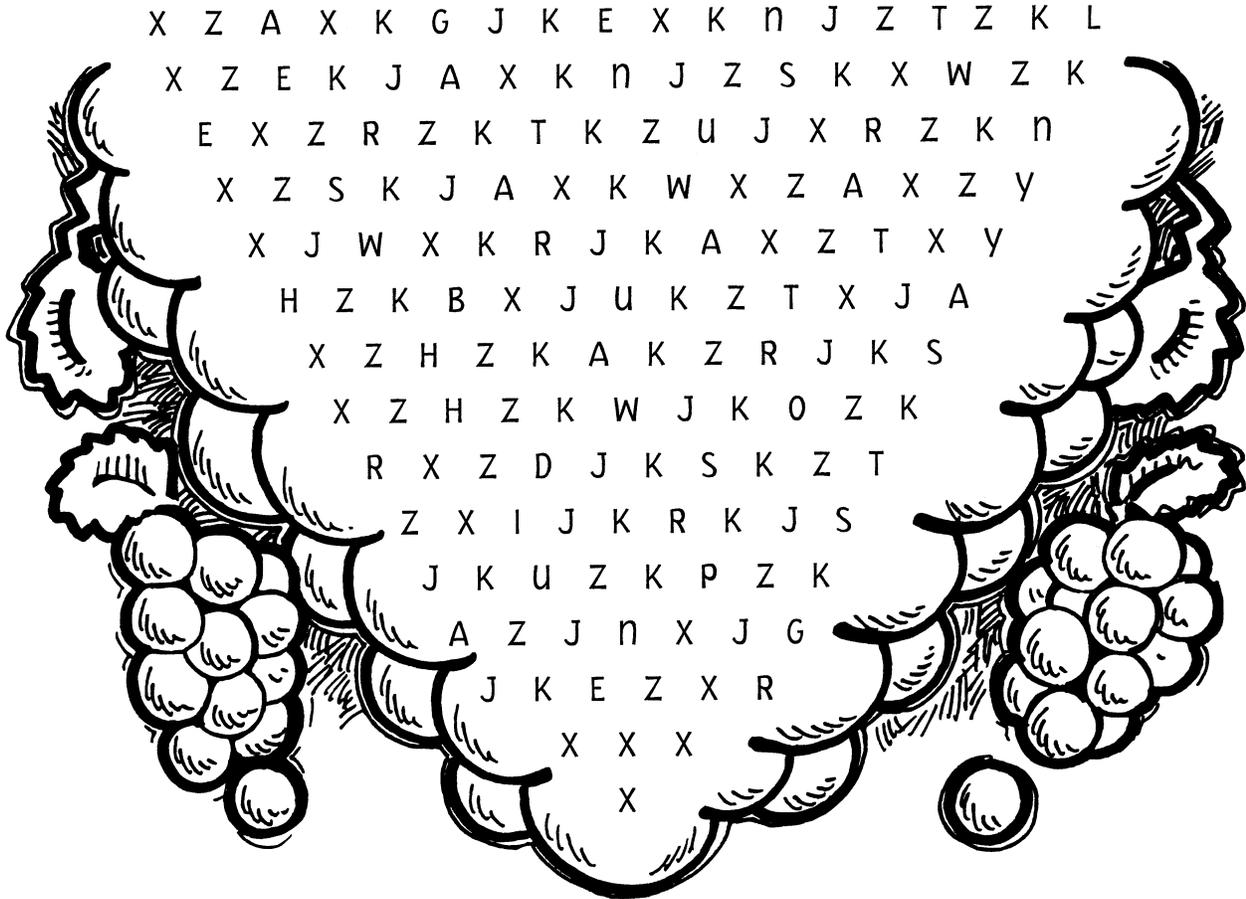
1. Memory verse token.
2. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
3. E.O.T.O.: "Look a New Person!"
4. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Life of Christ #18

Name _____

PRE-SESSION, Older Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #18

Fruit of the Spirit—Our Words

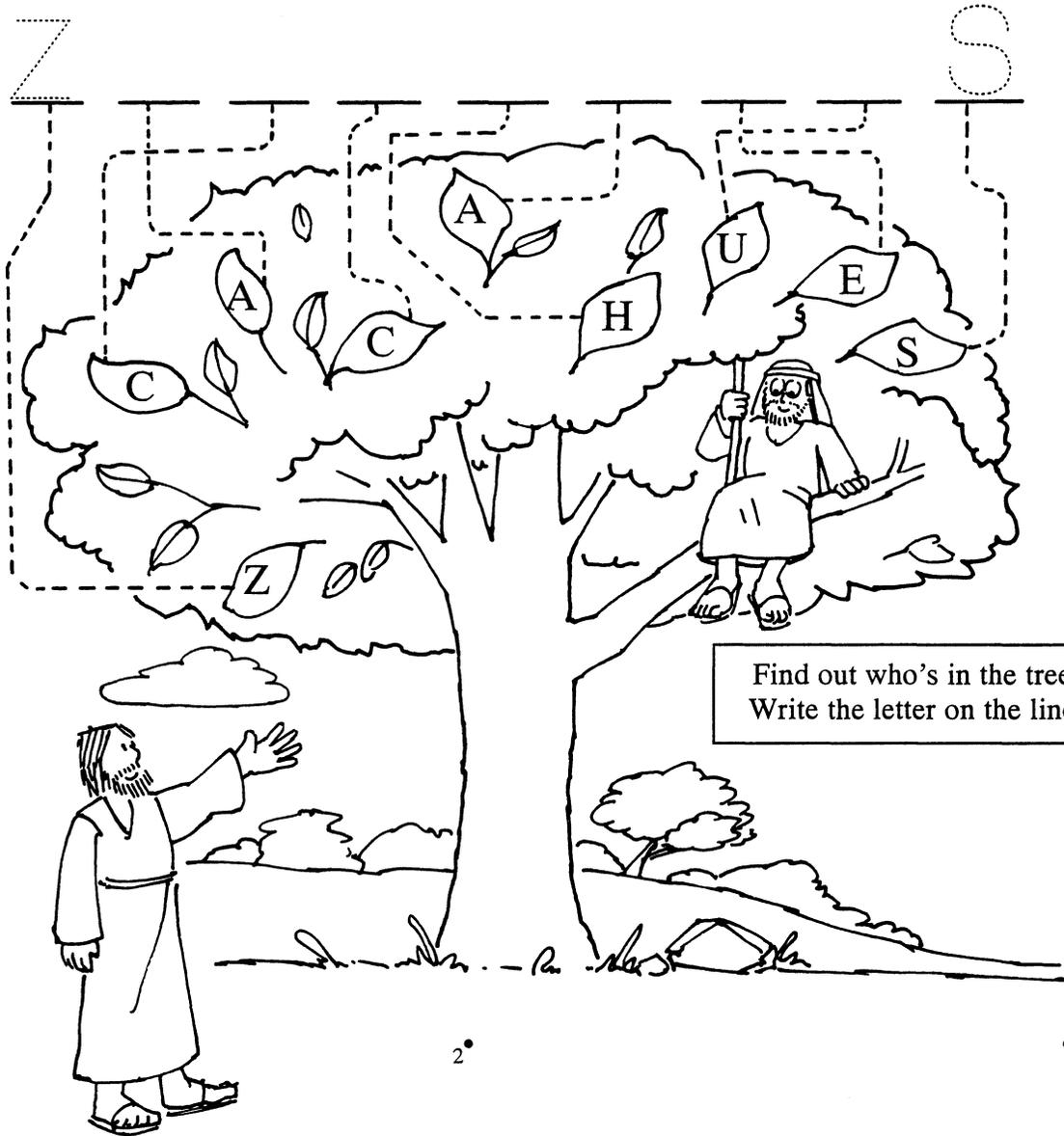
What we say to others and how we say it are very important. See what God tells us in Proverbs 15:1. Write every 3rd letter in the grapes, starting at the top and going from left to right, on the lines below.





Name _____

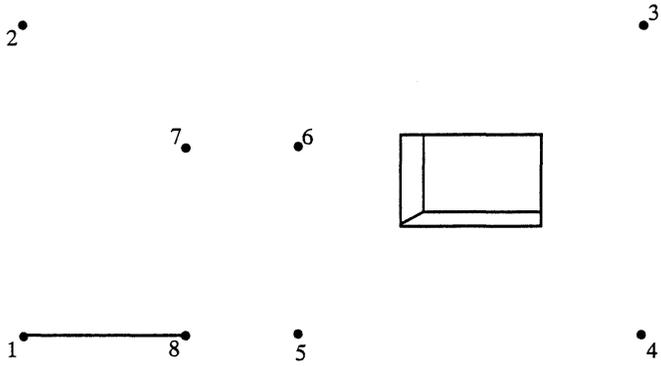
PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – LIFE OF CHRIST #18



Find out who's in the tree.
Write the letter on the line.

Jesus said, "Zacchaeus,
come down immediately. I
must stay at your house today."

Connect the dots.



"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature"
2 Corinthians 5:17

Life of Christ #18
A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Introduction:

If you could be any person you would like, who would it be? (*Let children give suggestions*). Perhaps you'd like to be a famous singer or a great athlete or maybe a superhero. Our memory verse today tells us how you really can become a new person.

Presentation:

Read the verse together from the visual. Then read the verse from the Bible.

Explanation:

2 Corinthians 5:17 – This is the address of the verse. It's where it's found in the Bible.

“Therefore if any man” – Any man, woman, boy, or girl.

“be in Christ,” – Having believed on Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

“he is a new creature:” – A new creation, made new on the inside.

“old things are passed away;” – When you are in Christ, your sins are forgiven.

“behold, all things are become new.” – God has changed you and made you new on the inside. You are a new person and your “want to's” should now be like those of Jesus.

Repetition:

Guess Who

Choose a child to be “it.” He will come and stand with his back to the group. Another child is silently selected to say the reference by himself, but the whole group repeats the rest of the verse together. The one who is “it” must guess who said the reference. Repeat, giving other children a chance to be “it” and to say the reference.

HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Life of Christ #18

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

2 Corinthians 5:17– “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Introduction:

Have the children pretend to be walking down the street. Mention the beautiful flowers, the tall trees, the gentle breeze, and the many people. Have them “ooh” and “ahh” about the things they see.

Flashcard 6-1:

Ask the following questions looking for a “No” answer from the children for each one: *“Does being short make God love you less?” “Does being rich make God love you less?” “Does being fat make God love you less?” “Does being a sinner make God love you less?”* Then ask this, looking for a “Yes” answer from the children: *“Does God love everyone, no matter what they look like or what they do?”*

Flashcard 6-2:

Pretending to be this tax collector, have children stand on their tiptoes and shield their eyes, trying to see in the distance.

Have the children make a sad expression, thinking about how this man felt.

Flashcard 6-3:

Have children run in place and then climb up in the tree.

Flashcard 6-5:

Have the children look up and say, *“Zacchaeus, come down. I must stay at your house today.”*

Flashcard 6-6:

Have the children pretend to be Zacchaeus. Count together four dollars back to someone from whom he stole one dollar.

Bible Learning Game (Adapted from “London Bridge”)

By Linda D. Ruth

Choose two children to be the “bridge.” All other children form a line and keep walking under the “bridge” while everyone sings to “London Bridge” tune:

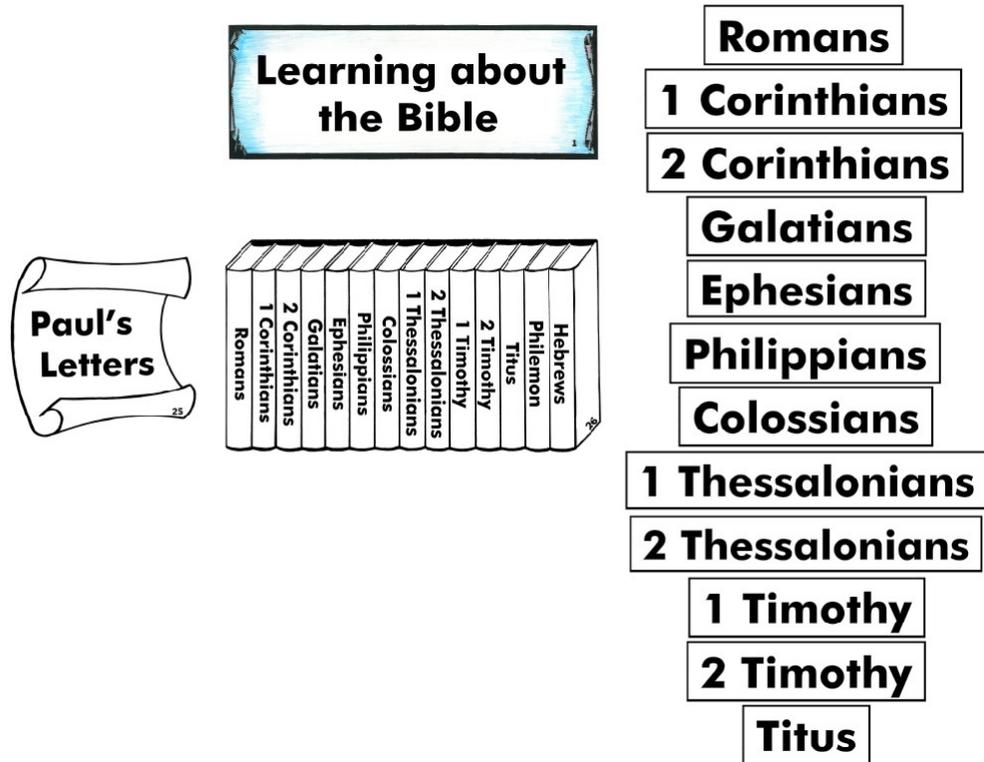
“I believe that He loves me, He loves me, He loves me.

I believe that He loves me, Jesus! Jesus!”

“Bridge” falls. Say, *“No matter what bad things you’ve done, Jesus loves you. He wants to make you a new person.”* Person trapped by the falling bridge says today’s memory verse. He then exchanges places with a child who was part of the “bridge.” Play again.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #16



(Place figure #1.) (Review the nine names of Paul's Letters that were written to the churches and the names of the cities or area where the churches were located.) For several weeks, we have been learning the names of Paul's Letters. *(Place figure #25.)* How many letters did Paul write? *(14.) (Place figure #26.)* Nine of these letters were written to churches. You can say the names of these letters as I place the name on the board. *(Place Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, and 2 Thessalonians wordstrips.)* Paul also wrote letters to individual people. Three of these letters are called First and Second Timothy and Titus. *(Place 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus wordstrips.)* Can you guess the names of the men to whom Paul was writing these letters? Yes, Timothy and Titus. Let's review the names of the 12 letters that Paul wrote. *(Practice together.)* Now we can review all the names of the books of the New Testament that we have learned. *(Practice several times saying the names of the four Gospels, the book of History, and the first 12 books of Paul's Letters.)*

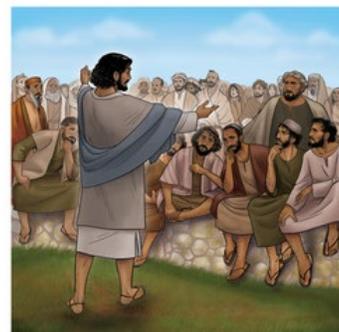
LETTER FROM THE LUTTMANNS

GO AND TELL BOX – WEEK #18

Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a picture of Jesus with a crowd.

What do you think this picture of Jesus with a crowd has to do with *going and telling*? (*Let the children share their ideas.*)

Let’s read a letter from Mr. Tom and Mrs. Betsy (*Show their picture*) to find out about a new devotional they are producing.



Dear Boys and Girls,

Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts through your missionary offerings. We have been busy in our office working on a new Family Worship Series.

The Family Worship Series is 47 studies on Mark’s Gospel. It has a devotional to go along with beautiful full color illustrations from the book of Mark. We are hoping by the time you are reading this that our work on Mark will be complete. For our next Family Worship Series, we plan to do the book of James.

Our project of finishing the colorizing of all of BVI (Bible Visuals International) New Testament lessons is complete and we are currently working on the Old Testament ones.

As more people learn about the Bible teaching materials we have, they will see how the materials can be used to help them teach children about God’s Word. As we are able to sell more materials, we will be able to print others in color so that they will be more exciting to children.

We are praying for you. We pray that you will have listening ears to the Bible lessons. We pray you will have hearts that will respond in faith and obedience to what you learn.

With our love and thanks,

Mr. Tom and Mrs. Betsy

GOAL CHART POST OFFICE – WEEK #18

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, thank You for helping Mr. Tom print new, bright-colored Bible visuals for teachers to use in teaching children.

Dear God, help Mr. Tom meet new people involved in teaching children so that he can show them the Bible materials and songs.

Dear God, help Mr. Tom and Mrs. Betsy teach their children to love Jesus and other children that they meet.



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Gingerbread Cookies

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LOC REVIEW GAME
Gingerbread Cookies



**Others should see that
your life is changed.**



- Did greedy, mean Zacchaeus just say he was going to give, not take? Was this the same man who cheated them?
- Yes, it was true!
- In a short time, Zacchaeus had become a new person. He was a changed man

MT, PAS – OTHERS SHOULD SEE THAT YOUR LIFE IS CHANGED

2 Cor. 5:17 – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- Zacchaeus life was certainly changed
 - The things he did showed that
 - Zacchaeus was genuinely sorry he had stolen from people. He wanted to make it right
 - Zacchaeus did not make excuses. He admitted his sin
 - That very day, Jesus went to the home of Zacchaeus. Probably talked for hours. Maybe Jesus spent night
 - One thing Jesus said, “Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

- Zacchaeus had been a sad, lonely man. Now everything had changed
- Things would now be different for Zacchaeus His life was changed
- Jesus is looking for you today. He wants to change your life forever

INVITATION
John 1:12 – “But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.”

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE
G – Go over MT
OTHERS SHOULD SEE THAT YOUR LIFE IS CHANGED

R – Review PAS verse
2 Cor. 5:17 – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

O – Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

LIFE OF CHRIST #18
Luke 19:1-10

- “I wish I was taller so I could play basketball!”
- “Others would like me more if I was smarter, richer, more popular!”
- These are things you may think or say because you wish you were different in some way
- Man in our story may not have thought about being different, but he needed something changed
- Perhaps you need the same change he needed
- This man lived in the city of Jericho. Beautiful city, palm trees, flowers, gentle breezes
- If you listened closely, you might hear loud, angry voices coming from a house. Imagine this . . .
- Man, “I’m telling you, it can’t be that much!”
- Another man, “And I tell you it is! You live under Roman rule, do what they say. Pay your taxes!”
- Man, “I hate the Roman government and I hate you! Take your money! I wonder how much you’ll keep for yourself!”

FLASHCARD 6-1

- Taxpayer left in a fit of rage
- Tax collector watched him leave and join his friends outside

- He began counting money he had collected. He pushed some aside, “That will be mine!”
- We can stop imagining now
- Tax collector was a real person. His story is true. He was Jewish, but worked for the Roman government
- People hated tax collectors (publicans) who worked for Rome
- Tax collectors were also often dishonest men. They would charge people more tax and keep the extra they collected for themselves. They became rich
- Tax collector in our story was rich, but he wasn’t happy
- Perhaps sometimes he may have thought about people he cheated and felt guilty. He knew it was wrong – it was sin

S, PAU
Proverbs 5:22 – “...He shall be holden with the cords of his sins.”

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- Does it bother you when you do wrong? It must have bothered the tax collector
 - Perhaps he was also unhappy because he didn’t have friends
 - Many in Jericho hated him

- They knew he was selfish, mean, and greedy
- Tax collector, "I work for my money. Let them work for theirs."
- On the streets, people probably ignored him
- May have whispered to each other, "There's that *little* cheat."
- The word *little* may have made him think about something else he didn't like about himself . . .
- He was shorter than most men. He may have thought, "Poor me."
- It seemed no one loved him. But God did
- It didn't matter to God that he was rich or short, even dishonest. God hated his sin, but He loved the man

FLASHCARD 6-3

- Perhaps the tax collector was the most curious. He *had* to see Jesus

- Jesus made him a new person
- Tax collector may have been wondering about the One who changed Matthew. One day he had his chance

- Everyone looked down the road, the direction from which Jesus was coming

- Because they were going to Jerusalem. Jesus had told them He was going to die there
- Jesus said He would be killed and then rise again in three days

- His disciples followed closely behind, looked worried, but why?
- Because they were going to Jerusalem. Jesus had told them He was going to die there

FLASHCARD 6-2

- People filled the main street of Jericho. They were heading to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover
- People were everywhere. One of the people in the crowd was Jesus
- Tax collector could not see Jesus. He was too short, crowd was too large
- Everyone may have been sharing friendly greetings with everyone else except the despised tax collector
- Though he was in a crowd, he was very much alone

FLASHCARD 6-5

- Tax collector looked in the other direction. If he could get ahead of the crowd, he might get his chance to see Jesus
- There he saw it! A sycamore tree just ahead
- If he could get to it, and climb it, he could see Jesus coming
- Once he settled on the branch, the little tax collector could see the crowd coming closer & closer
- Jesus was somewhere in crowd!
- Soon he saw Him! He was the leader, the One everyone was listening to as He spoke

- Zacchaeus (tax collector's name), Jesus called up to him
- "Come down quickly. I must stay at your house today."
- Joy must have filled Zacchaeus heart
- Jesus wanted to go to his house. Jesus wanted to spend time with him
- Zacchaeus did hurry and come down
- Bible says he received the Lord with joy
- Then, crowd started murmuring. "He is going to stay with a man who is a sinner," they whispered

- Many in the crowd did not know Who Jesus was, but they were curious to see Him

- Jesus said He would be killed and then rise again in three days

- Romans 5:8 – "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

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FLASHCARD 6-4

- Perhaps he wondered if he could ever change
- There was another tax collector in the Bible that was changed
- Matthew, one of Jesus' disciples, was a tax collector too. The man in our story must have known Matthew's life was changed

- His disciples followed closely behind, looked worried, but why?

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- "If I have cheated anyone, I will pay back 4 times as much as I took."

MT – OTHERS SHOULD SEE THAT YOUR LIFE IS CHANGED

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FLASHCARD 6-6

- Zacchaeus, "Look, Lord! I am going to give half of everything I own to the poor..."

- "If I have cheated anyone, I will pay back 4 times as much as I took."