



FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
6	1	1	Faith	New Beginnings	19: Zacchaeus

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You called Zacchaeus by his name and enabled him to grow. I ask You to enter my life in a new way this day that I may grow in stature and wisdom and grace as the person You call me to be. Amen.

Starter: *It is wonderful to see.* Place a picture of Jesus in the bottom of a box. Tell the children that there is something amazing and wonderful in the box and ask them if they would like to see it. Then, create a situation that would make it difficult for children to see into the box, by having tall children stand in front, or possibly placing the box too high on a table so that they cannot see inside. Discuss how not being able to see makes us feel. Ask the children if they can think of other times they haven't been able to see. Move the box so that they can see inside. Explain that today's Bible story is also about someone who had a hard time seeing Jesus.

Learning objectives: To learn about the conversion of the publican Zacchaeus, and our Lord and Saviour's compassion for him. To understand that when we do wrong we can correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our wrong actions.

Core Activities and Learning

Children will be told that they will be learning about Zacchaeus, a rich chief tax collector.

1. The teacher will read to the children the story of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus lived in Jericho. He was a small man who wanted others to look up to him, and he hoped to gain importance as a tax-collector. As Jesus walked along the road, crowds stood around him, and the small Zacchaeus could not see. He ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to make himself look bigger. As Jesus moved along, he not only looked at Zacchaeus, but called him by his name. Jesus arranged to eat in his house that night, showing to the crowd that, whilst they had an attitude of rejecting Zacchaeus, he did not.

After the story, discussion questions could include; How did Zacchaeus get to see Jesus? What was Zacchaeus like at the beginning of the story? Why didn't Zacchaeus have any friends? What did Jesus do for Zacchaeus? How did Zacchaeus change?

2. The teacher will explain to the children that Christ did not leave Zacchaeus sitting anxiously in the tree. He acknowledged him and then He called him down. The Lord Himself sees Zacchaeus in his suffering, and offers to give credibility to this man hated and despised by so many. All this because Zacchaeus was willing to change. His desire to see the Teacher was fulfilled and the path to a new life was opened to him.

The teacher will tell the children that the example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our wrong actions/sins, and try to put the things right again. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our wrong actions.

Jesus Christ offers salvation to anyone who seeks Him out. Jesus Christ will call us from our searching, to give us what we need. If we follow His lead, then He will announce that "salvation has come" to each of us because our Lord has not come for the successful or the failures, but to "seek and save the lost."

3. Children will be encouraged to act out the story of Zacchaeus by using cut out puppets of Jesus, Zacchaeus and the cut out silhouette of a sycamore tree. Through the exploration of the Zacchaeus Bible story, children will experience what "not seeing" feels like, learn how Jesus accepted, included, and loved everyone and how we should do the same, and will consider sin and brokenness and how we can be "put together" and forgiven again.

Resources The Bible for Young People, icon of the calling of Zacchaeus (zacchaeus.jpg), cut out puppets of Jesus and Zacchaeus, cut out silhouette of a sycamore tree.

Review In the next session ask one of the children to recall what we have learnt this Sunday.

Follow Up In the next session we will learn more about the Prodigal Son.