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ZACCHAEUS

LOST

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REPENTANCE

STEALING

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JESUS

RECEIVE

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Children's Ministry

Great Stories of the Bible



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Kingdom News

Kingdom Life Lesson 3:

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Today's Story:

Today we heard more about how we **enter** God's Kingdom. In our story today there was a Jewish tax collector named Zacchaeus. When he collected the taxes, he would often take extra money from the people and keep it for himself. He had stolen a lot of money in this way.

One day Jesus came to town. Many people gathered in the streets, but Zacchaeus was a short man, so he had to climb a tree to see Jesus. But Jesus had actually come to look for Zacchaeus! When Jesus saw him in the tree, he called, "Zacchaeus, come down! For I must be a guest in your home today." Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus and repented of his sin and received God's forgiveness. He gave half of what he owned to the poor and paid back four times the amount he stole.

Jesus had come to **seek and save the lost**. "The lost" is every human being. We have all sinned and are lost without Jesus! Zacchaeus was saved from sin and death and received new life when he put his **faith** in Jesus. To have faith in Jesus means to trust and obey him. Repentance and faith are both part of receiving the free gift of salvation through Jesus.

When we receive Jesus like Zacchaeus did, it changes us, because Jesus' love for us changes our hearts. It sure changed Zacchaeus! He decided to pay back everything he had stolen and more! But being generous is not what saved him. Zacchaeus was saved by grace. He received the free gift of salvation, not because he deserved it, but because Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

Thank you, Jesus, that you came to seek and save us. We want to trust and obey you, just like Zacchaeus did!

Bible Memory Verse: *"The Son of Man (Jesus) came to seek and save the lost" Luke 19:10 ESV*

My Art Response:

