

Date: 17/05/20		
Theme:	Zacchaeus meets Jesus (Luke 19:1-10)	
Preparation:	<p>Read the lesson plan below. The story can be read from the text below or see the following from the BBC key stage 1 resources. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zj4wmp3</p> <p>For the activity, you'll need some cardboard (e.g. cereal packet), some string or wool, scissors, colouring pens/pencils, glue and cellotape. (You may want to add green tissue paper to create the leaves in the tree.) Print the pictures of tree and Zacchaeus (see below). (One tree and one person per child).</p> <p>Find the song on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxe9jO0scgA</p> <p><i>Note: advance planning: next week's lesson will require a box – cardboard is ideal but plastic storage box or similar will work too.</i></p>	
Opening prayer:	<p>Lord, please help us to listen and learn so we know more about your love for us so we can grow in faith. Amen</p>	
Introduction	<p>Have you ever been in a big crowd? Were there people who were taller than you? What did you do to see? (Prompt for answers e.g. jumped up, was lifted by parent...)</p>	
Story:	<p>Today's story is about someone, who was not tall, and the lengths he went to in order to see Jesus. <i>(Reference Luke 19:1-10)</i> Zacchaeus <i>Either watch the video or read the story below.</i> <i>If you read the story, try adding sound effects e.g. dog barking, donkey braying, crowd noises) to make it more engaging.</i></p> <p>His name was Zacchaeus and he went to a parade in the city of Jericho. He had come to see Jesus, but he was short and there were a lot of people, so he couldn't see what was going on, as they were taller than he was.</p> <p>Jesus walked along the road toward the city of Jericho. A crowd was following him, talking and shouting. They were shouting, "Praise God! Glory to God!" He walked along a busy street lined with trees. The wind was blowing through the trees, whistling in the leaves.</p> <p>In the street, the chariot wheels were rumbling. Cart drivers were yelling, "Move on! Get out of the way!" Maybe one cart was taking chickens to market. Maybe another cart was carrying pigeons in a cage, to take them to the temple. Donkeys were pulling the carts.</p>	

	<p>A man named Zacchaeus was in the crowd. He was chief tax collector and he was rich. No one liked him because he cheated them and collected more money than he should, which he kept for himself. He was trying to push his way forward to see Jesus, but he couldn't. He was too short to see. The crowd was noisy and pushed him back. He ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree. Maybe a dog barked underneath him. He huffed and puffed to get high enough up the tree. The tree swayed and groaned under his weight.</p> <p>Jesus came to the tree. The crowd was laughing at Zacchaeus.</p> <p>Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus sitting in the tree. He said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down. I'll meet you at your house later." Zacchaeus shimmied down the tree. Maybe he skinned his knees on the way down because he did it so quickly.</p> <p>Zacchaeus ran back to his own house, and because he ran, he was out of breath. But he was happy to welcome Jesus. The crowd grumbled when they saw Jesus with Zacchaeus. They said, "Look, he's the guest of someone bad."</p> <p>After they had been talking for some time, Zacchaeus said to Jesus, "I am going to give half my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much. That's how happy I am to be with you."</p> <p>Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation has come to this house!" The crowd heard what Jesus said and got very quiet. Then someone said, "Praise the Lord! Glory to God!" And all the crowd repeated, "Praise the Lord! Glory to God!"</p> <p>Zacchaeus had met Jesus and his life was changed. It doesn't matter to Jesus if you are short or tall, so long as you are willing to let Jesus into your life.</p> <p>Discuss with the children to ensure they understand the story.</p>
Activity:	<p>Make the model.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cut out the tree and stick it onto a cardboard backing to add strength.2. Colour the tree. You could stick on tissue paper – or just colour the picture. Make sure the child adds some branches.3. Cut a slit (1-2 cms) in the middle of the tree above a branch.4. Colour Zacchaeus and attach him to the string / wool with cellotape.5. Pull the string through the slit in the tree, ensuring that Zacchaeus is in front of the tree. Tie a knot in the string.6. Pull the string to move Zacchaeus up and down the tree. <p>Summarise /Retell the story with the child(ren) moving Zacchaeus up and down the tree.</p>

Song:	Play the song through. Then try singing it with your child(ren). Zaccheaus is a wee little man... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxe9jO0scgA
Closing prayer:	Lord, Thank you for sending your son, Jesus Christ, to save us. Thank you for giving us this story so that we know that you are interested in and love everybody, and that you are prepared to forgive things we do wrong, if we are really sorry. Amen



