Lesson 6

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**Day 1:** Pray the Lord's Prayer and explain to the children that this prayer was taught by Jesus and is a perfect model of how we should approach God (lead the prayer and have the children repeat after you).

**Day 2:** Ask the children to share a need or something that worries them, explain that you will present these requests to God. Begin the prayer by giving the children a few seconds for them to pray quietly and make their requests to God and then pray aloud for each request.

**Day 3:** Ask the children if they are grateful to God and why. Then invite the children to hold hands and pray a prayer of gratitude for the care that God has lavished upon them.

**Day 4:** Ask the children for a volunteer who would like to lead the prayer and allow them to pray aloud. If no one volunteers, ask the child you think is most comfortable and offer to help them lead the prayer. Let them begin and be prepared to help them in case they stop and don't know how to continue to complete the prayer. When the prayer is over, be sure to thank the student for their participation.

**Day 5:** Organize the children in pairs. Have them tell their requests to each other. Then have them pray for their partners request(s). If their partner doesn't have a request, have them pray for their partners family, health, studies, etc.

**Day 6:** Invite your pastor, or a leader of the church, to be present at this last meeting. Ask them to congratulate the children for their effort in participating in these discipleship lessons and then have them begin this final lesson with prayer.

***Lesson 4:*** Use the Jesus Film showing the scene of Jesus feeding the 5000 or you can narrate the story. Have the child sit outside on the grass, like the people in the story and use objects (plastic fish and bread) to demonstrate the story. Then share a snack of cookies and juice with them. Pray to close out the lesson. You can use the passage in John 6:1-15.

***Lesson 5:*** Begin by telling the story of Jesus' Temptation in Matthew 4:1-11. While discussing the 3 questions on the children's worksheets, have them draw, on a separate piece of paper, a large hand like the one that appears on the student worksheet. Ahead of time, prepare for each student pieces of paper that have the phrases that are on each finger of the hand that is on the student's worksheet. As you explain what is written on each finger, have your students stick the corresponding phrase on each finger.

***Lesson 6:*** This lesson is based on Galatians 6: 1-10. Explain to the children what it is to "do good" and who the "family of believers" is. Then, make a plan with your students to help someone in the church who is sick or needs help. If there isn't someone in the church that needs help, think of someone who isn't a Christian and has a need that you can help with.

## Step Five: Pratical Activity

Distribute the children's worksheets for them to complete. Everyone should work on them at them same time. Remember that if they are new children they may not know much about the Bible. (10 minutes)

## Step Six: Final Prayer

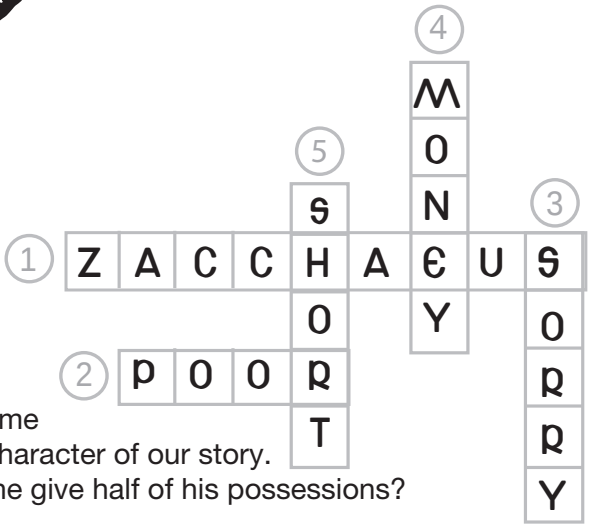
Pray as a group for your students and their families. (5 minutes)

# 2 IT'S GOOD TO BE FRIENDS WITH JESUS!

## Activities and Answers

### CROSSWORD

Solve the following crossword puzzle using the key words from the story of ***Zacchaeus***.




### Horizontal:

1. What is the name of the main character of our story.
2. To whom did he give half of his possessions?

### Vertical:

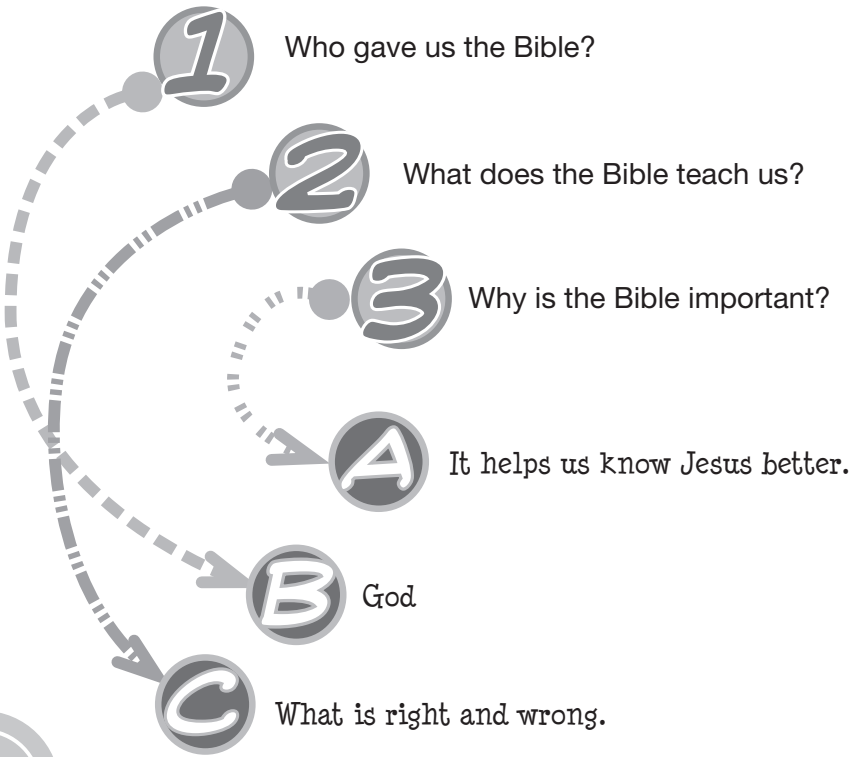
3. How did Zacchaeus feel after he talked with Jesus.
4. What did Zacchaeus return?
5. What characteristic is used to describe Zacchaeus?

# 3 FIND THE TREASURE

## Activities and Answers

### Questions and Answers

One way to get to know Jesus better is by reading the Bible. The Bible is God's message to us. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 we are told why the Bible is important to Christians. Read the passage and then join with a line the question with the corresponding answer.



# 4 Learning to Please Jesus

## Activities and Answers

### A Boy and His Lunch

Have the children color the picture on page 2. If you prefer you can have the child fill in the drawings with rice, colored powder, or something else you think is appropriate or fun for the child.

## SECRET CODE

Jesus wants us to love others. Use the words in the box to complete the verse.

- □ help
- ◇ Proverbs
- △ all
- ▢ always
- ☆ loves

A friend <u>loves</u> ☆ you

<u>all</u> △ the time.

A brother is <u>always</u> ▢

there to <u>help</u> □ you.

<u>Proverbs</u> ◇ 17:17 (ICB)

# How Can I Serve?

Put an **X** in the box next to the activities that you already do and put an **O** next to the ones you still need to do.

- [ ] 1. Go to church often. Christians in the church will help you grow as a friend of Jesus. You will be able to care for and help others live for God.
- [ ] 2. Give money to God. When you put money in the offering at your church, your church uses the money to help others learn about Jesus and for other good things.
- [ ] 3. Tell other people how God has helped you. This will help others to believe in God when they have problems.
- [ ] 4. Help out when your church has a special project to perform. Work is faster when many people do it together.
- [ ] 5. Invite your friends and your family to church. Then they will get to hear about Jesus.

# Bible Study

The church helps you study the Bible. In the church, you learn about the Bible. Your Sunday school teacher and your pastor

t e a c h (⊘6 ⊕2 ⊘3 ⊘1 ⊖5) what the Bible s a y s (⊘2 ⊘3 ⊕3 ⊘2).

They also teach you how to put into practice the things you learn.

# Praise

Praise is how we let God know how much we love, honor and respect him. You can praise God by yourself. But it is also important to praise him with your church. There are lots of ways that you can praise Jesus with your friends. You can

s i n g s o n g s (⊘2 ⊖4 ⊗4 ⊗3 ⊘2 ⊕4 ⊗4 ⊗3 ⊘2)

of praise to God. You can p r a y (⊗2 ⊗5 ⊘3 ⊕3) to God. You can t e l l (⊘6 ⊕2 ⊖6 ⊖6) others how God has helped you. And you can tell them about your l o v e (⊖6 ⊕4 ⊕1 ⊕2) for Jesus.

# Help Others

God wants us to help each other within the church. Tell your church friends whe you are s i c k . (✓2 −4 ✓1 ✗1) Tell them when you are having problems. Ask them to p r a y (✗2 ✗5 ✓3 +3) for you.

Look in the Bible for the following verses. Look at what the Bible says about living as children of God and friends of Jesus. Practice repeating Galatians 6:10. Think of ways you can help others.

1 Acts 4:32-35

Friends of Jesus share with each other.

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# FRIENDS OF JESUS

**This material is a fun way that you can disciple children ages 6 to 11 who have accepted Christ. Remember that a discipler is not only one who teaches but someone who shares his life with his disciples.**

**The children you disciple will be watching, imitating and asking you about their doubts. Pray for them and treat each child's situation individually. If a child is absent from a class, do not hesitate to visit them to see what happened and give them the lesson they missed.**

**This material consists of six lessons, each of which has various activities for you to do with the child(ren) you are discipling. To begin, make sure everyone has a Bible. Have some extra Bibles to lend to those who do not have one so they can work more easily.**

**The following several pages are some suggestions/ideas on how to present your class each time you meet. From page 7 onward, you will find the answers to the exercises on the children's sheets. We trust that the Lord will help you carry out this important work.**

# Step Three: Praise

After prayer, sing a song that goes along with the lesson you are going to have that day. (5 minutes)

# Step Four: Bible Lesson

To present the Bible lessons you can use different resources. If you have the Jesus Film on video, you may want to use it in some of the lession. It's a great way get your students attention and help them remember more clearly the events in the life of Jesus. (15 minutes)

***Lesson 1:*** To begin the first lesson you can take advantage of the Jesus File and show the first 10 minutes of the movie where the purpose of the life of Jesus is explained. Then, take the opportunity to clarify any questions that the children may have. If you do not have the Jesus Film summarize the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke 1:26-35, 2:1-7. Using pictures or other objects to visualize your summary will help the children remember better what they learn.

***Lesson 2:*** For the second lesson, just like the previous one, you can present the Jesus Film, showing the part with the story of Zacchaeus, or you can ask some children or young people to act it out it in a few minutes.

***Lesson 3:*** This lesson is about the Lord's Prayer. Begin by reading the Lord's Prayer and then review the meaning of each phrase with the children to make sure they understand their meaning. For example: "Our Father . . ." Why do we say "Our Father"? "in heaven,..." Why do we say that God is in heaven? etc. Then explain to them Matthew 4:4. Make it clear that prayer and reading the Bible are important if we want to find the treasures God has for us. Encourage the children to memorize the Lord's Prayer.

# SUGGESTIONS

## For discipleship lessons

by Eva Velasquez and Rev. Patricia Picavea

Here are some suggestions for leading these discipleship lessons with your students. We suggest that these groups consist of no more than 6 children. This will allow you to have more personal interaction them and be able to address their questions and concerns more directly.

These lessons can be organized in many different ways. Below we have presented one way in which you can organize a 40-minute class. The lesson is divided into six steps, which give a maximum amount of time to develope the lesson with various activities for each day.

As an extra activity or as homework you can have your students color the drawings on the covers of each lesson.

## Step One: Opening

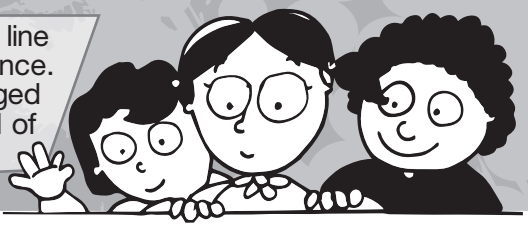
Start by welcoming the students by playing a game that is energetic or a fun ice breaker game. (5 minutes)

## Step Two: Prayer

Invite the children to pray. Explain to the children that the only way to communicate with God is by praying, read Jeremiah 33:3. Prayer is very important in the Christian life. Teach them that we close our eyes when we pray so we are not distract by what is around us and we bow our heads as a sign of submission to God. The following are ideas of ways to have your prayer time for each day that you meet with your students. Pray that the children will become friends and that they will feel free to share within the group.
(5 minutes)

## Become a Best Friend:

Write a word on each line to complete the sentence. The letters are arranged back to front instend of front to back.



1. Learn more about God. Read and memorize verses from the Bible.
   (nraeL)

2. Talk with God. Thank him for Jesus. Ask him to help you be obedient and do the right thing.
   (klaT)

3. Tell others about God's love.
   (lleT)

4. Meet with other Christians.
   (teeM)

5. Ask God to forgive you if you disobey. Then you will continue to live as a friend of Jesus.
   (ksA)

# 1 Be a Friend of Jesus

## Activities and Answers

### To become a friend of Jesus :

Write one of the followng words on each line to complete the sentences.

Ask, Begin, Tell, Know, Tell, Believe

1. **Tell** God that you have disobeyed him.
2. **Accept** that God Love you!
3. **Believe** that God sent His son, Jesus, so that forgiveness is possible.
4. **Ask** and receive God's forgiveness.
5. **Know** that Jesus is your savior and best friend.
6. **Begin** to live as a child of God.

# Alphabet Soup

Look for 4 hidden words and use them to make a sentence.

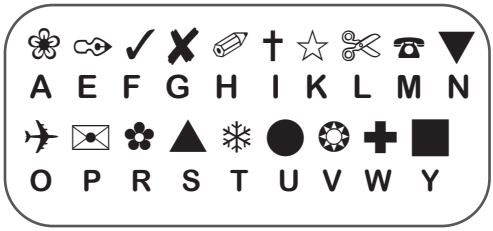
| C | S | C | O | M | E | S | O | S | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N | A | N | E | J | J | A | F | A | H |
| A | J | M | O | U | A | R | L | Z | H |
| G | G | A | I | K | R | V | Z | H | L |
| O | V | T | M | N | A | A | I | L | F |
| D | R | J | A | T | A | B | O | A | R |
| D | O | S | I | I | A | E | R | A | O |
| Y | O | O | R | A | E | T | A | G | M |
| E | N | C | P | O | O | E | R | R | B |

*Sentence:*

Salvation comes from God.

# Discover the WORD

Below the lines are symbols. On each line write the letter that goes with the symbol.




1

God is always W I T H Y O U . God is

W I T H Y O U when good things

happen. He is also with you when bad things happen. He can help you.

2

You can T A L K to God at any time. You can

tell God everything you need. God hears your prayers.

3

God H Є L P S you to obey him. He even

helps you to W A N T to obey him.

4

God is sad if you disobey him. But he will

F O R G I V Є you if you ask him.

5

God is preparing a special H O M Є for you

in heaven. You will go to live with God when you die.

# Backward Words

Learn the Lord's Prayer. Complete the Lord's Prayer by reversing the letters of the words that are below the lines. Write the correct words on the lines. Try to memorize this prayer. Say it over and over so you can remember it.

"Our **father** in heaven,
(rehtaF)

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdon **come**
(emoc)

Your will be done,

on **earth** as it is in heaven.
(htrae)

Give **us** today our daily bread.
(su)

And forgive us our **debts**,
(stbed)

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into **temptation**,
(noitatpmet)

but deliver us from the **evil** one."
(live)

Matthew 6 : 9-13

Backward Words

# 5 Well Done!

## Activities and Answers

## Jesus was tempted...

Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread. What did Jesus say to Satan? Read Matthew 4:4 in your Bible and find the answer.

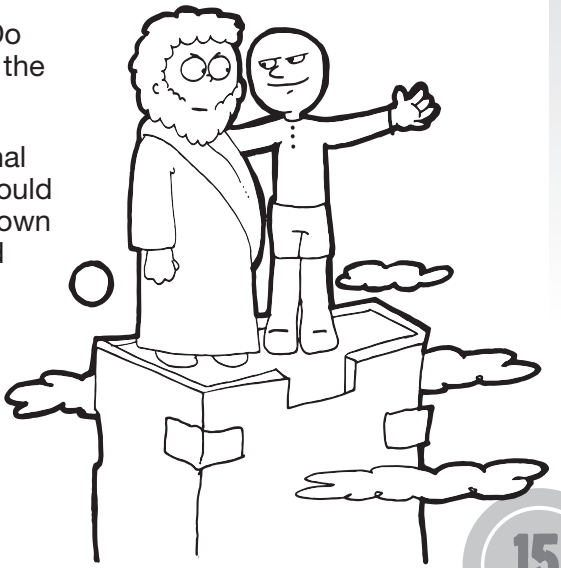
***Answer:*** "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'." Matthew 4:4.

Satan tempted Jesus to jump from the temple and let the angels rescue him. What did Jesus say to Satan? Read Matthew 4:7 in your Bible and find the answer.

***Answer:*** "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'." Matthew 4:7.

The devil tempted Jesus a final time. He told Jesus that he could rule all nations if he bowed down and worshiped him. What did Jesus say to Satan? Read Matthew 4:10 in your Bible and find the answer.

***Answer:*** "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only'." Matthew 4:10.



# 6 THE SUPER TEAM

## Activities and Answers

## HIDDEN MESSAGE

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ⊕ | V | E | Y | O | J | D |
| ⊖ | X | W | U | I | H | L |
| ⊗ | K | P | G | N | R | F |
| ✓ | C | S | A | M | B | T |

Under the blank spaces you will see a number and a symbol. On the table, find where the number and the symbol meet and that is the letter you need. Write the letters on the lines to complete the sentences.

## Communion

In your church you can enjoy communion. Communion is when

F r i e n d S enjoy doing things together.
⊗6 ⊗5 ⊖4 ⊕2 ⊗4 ⊕6 ✓2

Christians have C o m m U n i o n
✓1 ⊕4 ✓4 ✓4 ⊖3 ⊗4 ⊖4 ⊕4 ⊗4

when they read the Bible, pray and prasie God together. They also have communion when they have fun or work on special projects

t o g e t h e r .
✓6 ⊕4 ⊗3 ⊕2 ✓6 ⊖5 ⊕2 ⊗5

2

Acts 12:1-5

Friends of Jesus pray together for each others needs.

3

Acts 17:10-12

Friends of Jesus read the Bible together.

4

Romans 12 :10-16

Friends of Jesus take care of each other.

5

Galatians 6:10

Friends of Jesus help each other.

6

Ephesians 4:29 - 5:2

Friends of Jesus try to live like Jesus' teaches and they try to have good relationships with others.

7

Colossians 3: 12-14

Friends of Jesus love each other and forgive each other.