

Bible Journeys Take-Home Flyer
1st Congregational Church
ZACCHAEUS

Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10

Children love stories about people in the Bible. Zacchaeus is a favorite that children can relate to easily. They have heard about Zacchaeus from a young age learning songs about him and his story of how he became a follower of Jesus.

Our story of Zacchaeus will include a reminder that God knows each child by name as he knew Zacchaeus. We will also explore what it means to be a friend to someone whom society has called an outcast. They will also discuss how we are called to show our love for Jesus by repenting and sharing our treasures. Children will come away from the rotation with an understanding that God's love is always there for us, all we have to do is accept and receive his love.

What we will learn:

At the end of the rotation, the students will

- Be able to identify Luke as one of the four Gospels
- Be able to locate and read the text
- Know that Jesus came to save the lost
- Begin to understand that Jesus loves us no matter what mistakes we have made
- Begin to understand that our love for Jesus causes us to make changes in our lives

Bible Journeys Workshops:

In Thou Art, after reading the story of Zacchaeus, the art lesson emphasizes that Jesus knows us by name as he knew Zacchaeus by name. Students will create a name critter using their name. They will uniquely decorate their name critter.

In Red Sea Productions, children will meet a surprise guest named Zacchaeus who will come and talk about himself. Then they will have an opportunity to create a puppet script and act out the story.

In Desert Tales, children will watch the video Treasure in Heaven about when Jesus meets Zacchaeus. The leader will stop the video at times for discussion. Fresh popcorn will be served from our popcorn machine.

In Gospel Games, the Bible story will be read. Children will use cookies they decorate to illustrate the point that we have to be open for God's love to stick in us. Each child will get two cookies to decorate. Then everyone will play a game of concentration with review questions from the story.