

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

FEBRUARY 15TH, WEEK 3

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### PRE-SERVICE

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GAME	15 MIN
LARGE GROUP	[33 MIN]
OPENING GAME	10 MIN
WORSHIP	5 MIN
STORY VIDEO	13 MIN
BOTTOM LINE	
WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY	
SALVATION MOMENT	5 MIN
SMALL GROUP	[30-35 min]
APPLICATION 1	12 MIN
APPLICATION 2	12 MIN
CLOSING PRAYER	6 MIN

## THIS MONTH



### Today's Bible Story

Zacchaeus  
Luke 19:1-10

### Bottom Line

The love of Jesus changes people

### Memory Verse

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."  
John 13:34 NIV

Please make sure that children who were not here last week receive a memory verse card to take home so they can practice and memorize it throughout the week.

Please go over the memory verse with the class every Sunday.

## PRE-SERVICE (3 Choices for kids to choose from)

What you need:

- “Tic Tac Love”, “Change for the Better Hanger” Activity Pages
- K-2 “Zacchaeus” coloring page, “Zacchaeus Maze” Activity Page
- 3-5 “Word Search” Activity Page, “Zacchaeus” coloring page, “Spot the Difference” Activity Page
- Coloring Supplies
- Scissors
- Bags

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

Put out the three activities so they are waiting for the kids as they come in. Explain that they can choose to work on whatever they want and can move between the activities if they wish.

### “Tic Tac Love” Activity Page

- Give kids a “Tic Tac Love” Activity Page, scissors and coloring supplies.
- Let kids color and cut out their game board and pieces.
- Tell them how to play Tic-Tac-Toe. One person will be “Jesus” and the other will be “Hearts.”
- Invite them to play several rounds against each other.
- Encourage them to cheer for each other, even if they lose a round.
- Give them a bag, have them write their name on it and have them put in their game to take home.

### “Change for the Better Hanger” Activity Page

- Give kids a “Change for the Better Hanger” Activity Page, scissors and coloring supplies.
- Let them decorate it with the coloring supplies.
- Help them cut out the hanger and the circle at the top.
- Read the verse on the hanger together.

## K-2 Coloring & Activity Pages

Zacchaeus Coloring Page, Zacchaeus Maze

## 3-5 Coloring & Activity Pages

Zacchaeus Coloring Page, Word Search Activity Page, “Spot the Difference” Activity Page

**Transition** In our true story from the Bible today, we’re going to hear about a man named Zacchaeus who didn’t have many friends because he was a dishonest tax collector. But one day, he met Jesus, who saw him, and it changed everything! Let’s go find out what happened.”

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Domino Effect”

What You Need:

- Dominos
- 6 Volunteers

WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

**HOST:** *“Hey, everyone! Welcome back to another awesome week here at Fusion Kids! It’s great to see you. Find three people you don’t know and give them a high-five and tell them your name.”*  
**(Pause as the kids mingle and introduce themselves.)**

*“Great job!”*

*“This month, we’ve been talking about our series called ‘Like and Subscribe: Share the Love of Jesus’ because when you see something awesome online, you like it and subscribe to it because you don’t want to miss a minute of awesomeness. And you want to share that awesomeness with your friends and family too!”*

*“This month we’re talking about the love of God! That’s definitely not something you want to miss a second of! And you so want to share it! We’re learning that when we experience God’s love, it doesn’t just stop with us—it spreads, like a chain reaction to others. And speaking of chain reactions, I’ve got a game that’s going to show us exactly how that works. It’s called ‘Domino Effect!’”*

**SLIDE:** Domino Effect Title

**HOST:** *“Here’s how it works. I need three teams, each with two players. Each team will get a set of dominoes, and two minutes on the clock. Your mission? Build the best domino chain you can. A domino chain is a line of dominoes just enough apart so that when one falls, it triggers the next one to fall, and the next one, and so on. When time’s up, we’ll see which team’s dominoes all fall successfully!”*

*“You can make your domino chain as long, curvy, or creative as you want—but remember, if one domino doesn’t line up, the chain won’t work! And no testing before time’s up!”*

*“I need six volunteers—three teams of two kids. If you want to volunteer, raise your hand!”*

**Choose six volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised. Invite them to come to the front with you. Create teams of two, and assign them to a table.**

**HOST:** *“Everybody got it? Okay, two minutes on the clock. Teams ready? Here we go in 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!”*

**AUDIO:** Upbeat instrumental music

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## OPENER GAME (CONT.)

WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

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**COUNTDOWN** (optional): Two-minute countdown on screen

**Encourage teams with comments like,** *“Nice job, Team 1! I like that curve! Team 2, you’re doing great, careful with those corners! Team 3, you’ve got a good straight line going!”* *“One minute left! Make those final connections—you want every domino to be ready! Time’s up! Builders, hands off your dominoes! Everyone, freeze!”*

**Move to Team 1.**

*“Alright, let’s see what you’ve got as you knock those dominoes over. Ready? 3 ... 2 ... 1... go!”*

**Repeat with Team 2 and Team 3. If time allows, do another round with three new teams of two kids.**

**HOST:** *“Great work, teams! You can head back to your spots. Let’s give all our domino builders a big round of applause! You know, it only takes one domino to start a chain reaction. Just one small push, and everything else starts moving. That’s exactly how God’s love works. When Jesus shows love to one person, it doesn’t stop there. It changes that person, and then they show love to someone else, and it keeps going.”*

**SLIDE:** Bottom Line

*“Today’s Bottom Line says it perfectly: **[Bottom Line]** The love of Jesus changes people. And once we experience that love, it can create a chain reaction that changes the world. In our true story from the Bible today, we’ll meet a man named Zacchaeus—someone who was totally changed because of Jesus’ love”*

## SMALL GROUP

### ACTIVITY 1 “Unbox the Story”

#### What You Need:

- Box for story props
- Tree Branch
- Coin
- Sad Face
- Jesus figure
- Heart
- Happy face
- Plastic Food Item
- Bag of coins

#### What You Do

- Place the box in the middle of your group.
- Explain that you’re going to “unbox” the story of Zacchaeus, just like in an unboxing video.
- Let kids take turns pulling one item out of the box.
- As each item is revealed, ask the kids how it connects to the story by asking the corresponding question.
  - Tree branch: “What did Zacchaeus climb to see Jesus?”
  - Coin: “What was Zacchaeus’s job? What did he do that was unfair?”
  - Sad face: “How did people feel about Zacchaeus?”
  - Jesus figure: “Who came to town that day?”
  - Heart: “Who loved Zacchaeus when no one else did?”
  - Happy face: “How did Zacchaeus feel after Jesus showed him love?”
  - Food item: “What did Jesus do at Zacchaeus’s house?”
  - Bag of coins: “What did Jesus do after Zacchaeus was changed by Jesus’ love?”

#### What You Say

“You unboxed the whole story! Zacchaeus was not a very liked person, but Jesus saw him and loved him anyway. Jesus looked up into the sycamore-fig tree and called him out, saying, ‘Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay at your house today.’ (Luke 19:5 NIV). It changed Zacchaeus! He decided to give back the money he had taken and be generous. That’s because [Bottom Line] the love of Jesus can change things for the better.”

## SMALL GROUP

### ACTIVITY 2

#### “4 Corners Memory Verse”

##### What You Need

- Number Signs
- Floor Tape

##### What You Do

- Tape one numbered paper in each corner of the room or in your small group space.
- Open the Bible and read John 13:34 to the group.
- Instruct the kids to start in the middle of the room/space.
- Tell them to move to a corner while you count to ten. Depending on how many kids you have, limit the number for each corner.
- Call out “Corner 1!” and instruct the kids in Corner 1 to say the Memory Verse together.
- Direct the kids to return to the middle of the room/space.
- Tell them to move to a corner while you count to ten, but they can’t be with the same kids.
- Call out “Corner 3!” and instruct the kids in Corner 3 to say the Memory Verse together.
- Continue to play as time allows.

##### What You Say

“Great job! You were all over the room for that one. Jesus’ command to love is something that should follow us everywhere we go. Jesus showed Zacchaeus unconditional love and gave him an opportunity to make things right. When we obey that command to love others, we see that **[Bottom Line]** the love of Jesus can change things for the better.”

## SMALL GROUP

### PRAY AND DISMISS

#### “Prayer Hearts”

#### What You Need

- Jar
- Hearts

## What You Do

- Ask kids to sit in a circle
- Ask the kids to think of one thing they would like to see Jesus change in their hearts for the better. It could be their bad attitude when it comes to doing math, how they’re jealous of their little brother, or how they’re tempted to lie in a situation because it seems easier.
- Invite them to think of that one thing and talk to Jesus silently and pray, “Dear Jesus, please change my heart in this area. I need Your help to make it better.”
- When the kids are done praying silently, give them each a heart and encourage them to put it in the prayer jar.
- Explain that sometimes we are the ones who need to be prayed for. Sometimes it’s our hearts that need to be changed for the better, and God loves to help us do that!
- Close in a group prayer.

## What You Say

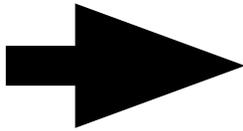
“Thank you for sharing your hearts with Jesus. He loves you, and He is powerful enough to help with every single one of these things. Let’s pray.”

## Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for the story of Zacchaeus. It reminds us that Your love is so powerful. Please help us with the areas we talked to You about. We know that You can make things better. Help us to share Your love with others this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

# GETTING READY

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