

Journey Kids Club

JKTV Episode 32



Sometimes it's hard for us to imagine that our children can have a relationship with Jesus - but they can!

They are able to grasp this concept and we can encourage them to consider Jesus as their friend. He rescued them and wants to have a relationship with them. This episode's Bible story is from Luke 19:1-10. The Big Idea is: **Jesus wants a relationship with us.** Talk about what it means to have a good relationship with others and with Jesus.

Activity 1: Who is My Friend?

Supplies: (provided) Who is my friend activity sheet, (from home) markers/pencil crayons

Talk about it:

- Who is your oldest friend? Who is your youngest friend? Who have you been friends with the longest?
- What does it mean to have a friendship with Jesus?
- What do you do with your other friends? How do you know you are friends?

Instructions:

- In the top part of the activity sheet ask your child to draw or write the names of who they like to spend time with and why.
- As they draw, discuss why they chose these people.
- On the bottom part of the activity sheet, record any answers that could also explain why Jesus wants a relationship with us (e.g., because I love them; because they're funny; because they make me feel good). Help your child make the connection!
- Say the Big Idea together: **Jesus wants a relationship with us!**

Activity 2: Memory Verse Activity “He has saved us from the kingdom of darkness. He has brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of him, all our sins have been forgiven.” Colossians 1:13-14 (NIRV)

Supplies: (provided) Colour wheel, Key Verse sign, (from home) button or coin

Parent Tips: The kingdom of darkness is when we let sin run our lives instead of Jesus. Some people may also call it Satan's kingdom.

Instructions:

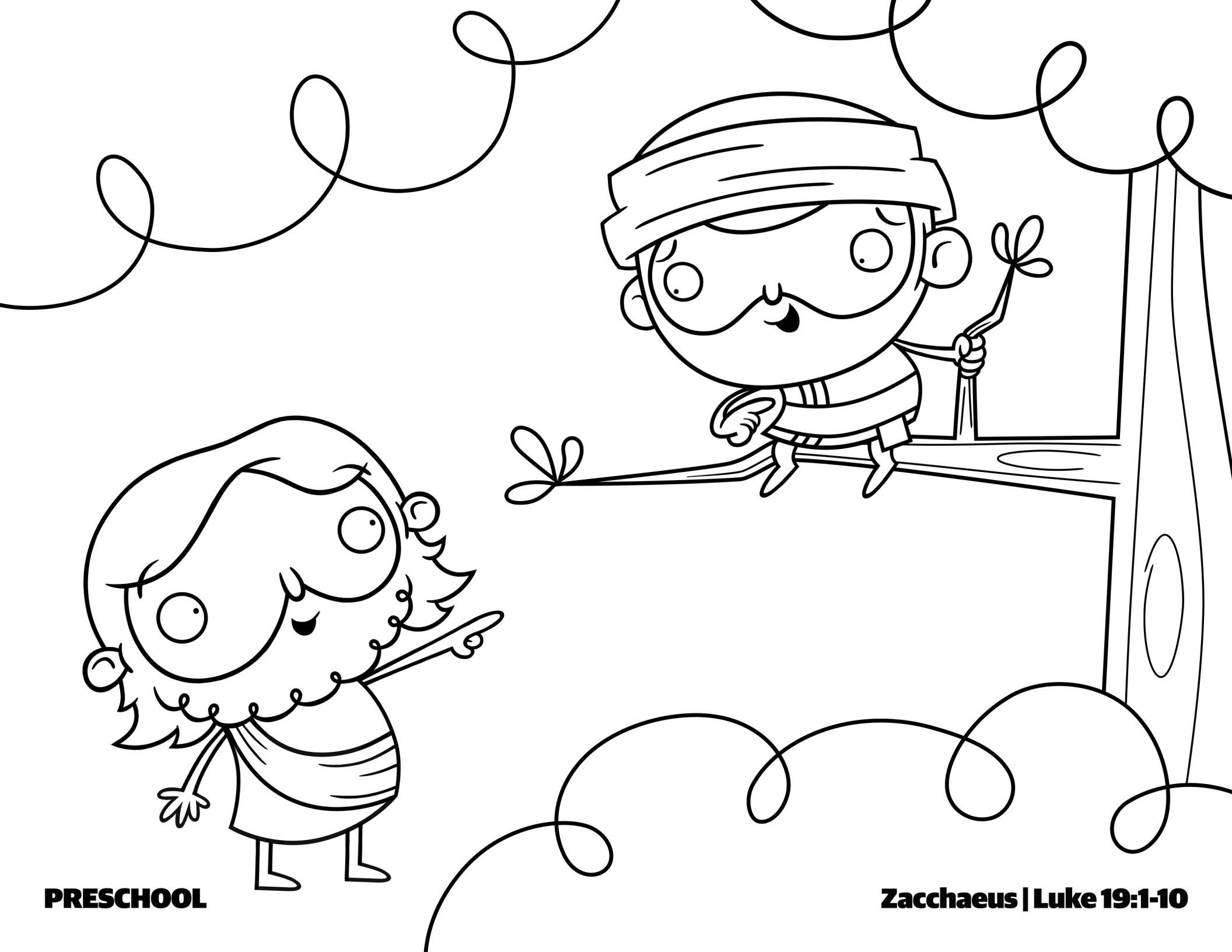
- Place a spinner and the verse on the floor or a table.
- Explain that this week, we're focusing on understanding the first sentence in the Key Verse: “He has saved us from the kingdom of darkness,” and its connection with Zacchaeus's story.



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Zacchaeus | Luke 19:1-10



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Who Do I Like To Spend Time With?

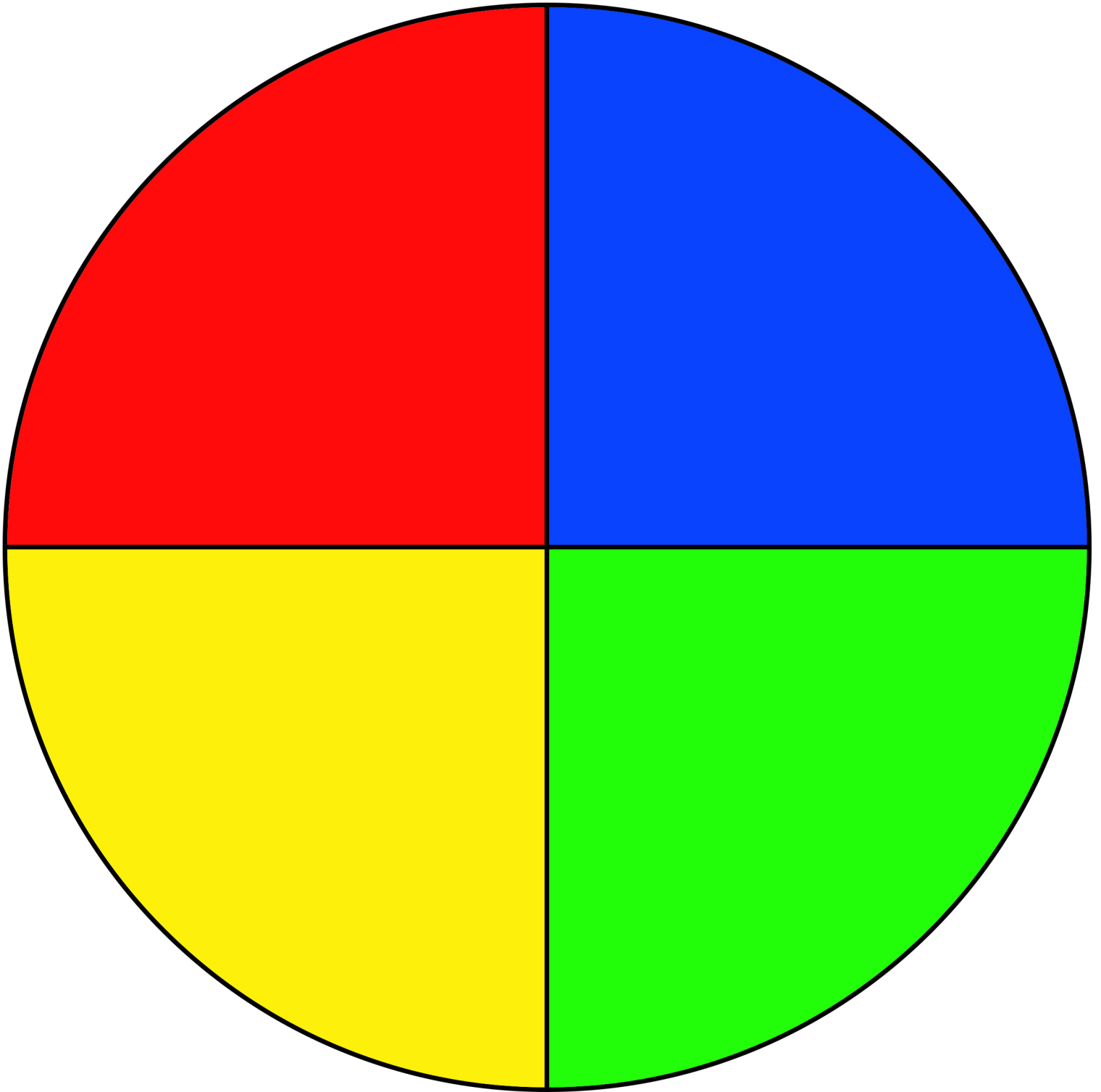
How Can I Spend Time With Jesus?

"He has saved us from the kingdom of darkness. He has brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of him, all our sins have been forgiven."

Colossians 1:13-14

 **Key Verse**

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SPINNER

- If more than one child is playing, having them take turns flipping the coin/button onto one of the colours on the sheet. Use the following list to ask a question or assign a task that corresponds with the colour wheel:
 - Red: 1. In the Key Verse, it says that God saved us from the kingdom of darkness. What do you think the kingdom of darkness is?
 - 2. How did Jesus bring “light” to Zacchaeus’s life?
 - Blue: 1. What was it about Zacchaeus that seemed dark or bad to some people?
 - 2. Hold your tongue and say the Key Verse.
 - Yellow: 1. Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Today, salvation has come to you...” What do you think that means?
 - 2. Make a “Z” shape on the floor with your toe.
 - Green: 1. What do you think are things we do that belong more in the kingdom of darkness than in the kingdom of light?
 - 2. Close your eyes, jump up and down, and say the Big Idea (Jesus wants a relationship with us) three times.
- After everyone has had a turn, remove the verse sign and say the verse together.
- Discuss:
 - Why did Jesus save us from the kingdom of darkness?
 - Why is it important that we are rescued from the kingdom of darkness?

Activity 3: Story Retell

Supplies: (provided) Zaccheus colouring sheet; (from home) Bible or Bible app, markers or pencils crayons

Instructions:

- Help your child look up the Bible story in Luke 19:1-10 and read it together.
- Give your child the colouring sheet and ask them to colour it. As they do, ask them about the story: Who are the key people in the story? What did Jesus do? Why do you think he did that? How would you feel if you were Zaccheus? How would you feel if you were in the crowd watching? What would you want Jesus to say to you?

Activity 4: Pray together

Parent Tip: With children, it may help them pray using their imagination. You can ask them to picture the person they are praying for and then picture Jesus touching their head as they pray for them

- Talk about ways that each of you want to grow in your relationship with Jesus.
- Pray about it, asking Jesus to show you how he is your friend and how you can be his friend.
- *Sample prayer:* Dear Jesus, thank you for being my friend. Show me how I can be friends with you. I love you. Amen.