

Lesson 1: Jesus and Zacchaeus

Text: Luke 19:1–10

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Like Zacchaeus, we are among the lost whom the Son of Man came to seek and to save. Jesus asks us to forgive those who sin against us, as He forgives us, unconditionally.

Law/Gospel: I sin when I ignore my own sinfulness and focus on the sinfulness of others, rejecting them because of it. **Christ's blood covers not only my sins but also the sins of every sinner, no strings attached.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Jesus, I Believe in You,” Track 1; “Child of God,” Track 2; “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus,” Track 4.

Bible Challenge Question: What was Zacchaeus’s job? **Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector in Jericho.**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: 1 John 1:8-9 (Track 1)

Make Me like You (Track 12)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (Track 4)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: Jesus and Zacchaeus

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Treasure Tree

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Wee Little Gingerbread Men

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: Showers of Blessings

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 2: The Triumphal Entry

Text: Mark 11:1–10; Luke 19:28–40

Date Used: _____

Key Point: The multitudes called out “Hosanna!”—Save us!—to their King. We, too, cry out “Hosanna!” to Jesus, our King, who entered Jerusalem to save us and all people by triumphing over sin.

Law/**Gospel:** Sin brought death into the world for me and all people. **Jesus, the perfect Son of God, came to be my Savior and King, dying in my place and rising three days later to save me from sin and give me new life in His kingdom.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Oh, How I Love Jesus,” Track 5; “Jesus, I Believe in You,” Track 1; “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus,” Track 4.

Bible Challenge Question: What does *hosanna* mean? *Hosanna* means “help” or “save, I pray.”

Notes: _____

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes: _____

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes: _____

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes: _____

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: Hosanna (Track 8)

John 1:29 (Track 10)

When I Behold Jesus Christ (Track 24)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: The Triumphal Entry

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Palms for Paradise

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Veggie Palm Path

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: The Lowly Donkey Carries the Cross

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 3: The Widow's Offering

Text: Mark 12:41–44

Date Used: _____

Key Point: The widow gave all she had to God, trusting Him to provide and care for her. Her actions point us to Jesus, who gave His all for us, even though we fail to trust in God for all things.

Law/Gospel: I do not always obey God's demand that I love Him with all my heart. I am not willing to give Him all that I have. **Christ loves me and willingly redeemed me, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death that I might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: "Child of God," Track 2; "I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever," Track 6; "Oh, How I Love Jesus," Track 5.

Bible Challenge Question: Which word in some translations of the Bible describes a small coin, worth about one-fifth of a cent?

- A. Mustard seed
- B. Mite
- C. Mitt

Notes: _____

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes: _____

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes: _____

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: Psalm 145:15–16 (Track 15)

Take My Life and Let It Be (Track 18)

Make Me like You (Track 12)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: The Widow's Offering

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Felt Wallet

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: How Much Will You Give?

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: Making Pennies New Again

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Service Activity: A Chance to Give

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 4: The Lord's Supper

Text: Luke 22:1–23

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Jesus is our Passover Lamb, who with His very body and blood grants us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Law/Gospel: I betray my Lord when I sin. **Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. With His very body and blood, He grants me forgiveness, life, and salvation.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Child of God,” Track 2; “The Last Supper,” Track 7; “I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever,” Track 6.

Bible Challenge Question: What is another name for the Lord's Supper? **Holy Communion, Communion, the Eucharist, the Feast**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: Do You Know Who Died for Me (Track 3)

The Last Supper (Track 21)

What Is This Bread (Track 23)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: The Lord's Supper

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Lord's Supper Bookmark

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Passover Snack

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: Holy Communion Talk

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 5: Peter Denies Jesus

Text: Mark 14:27–72

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Though we, like Peter, deny Jesus and His gifts, Jesus does not deny us because we belong to Him as baptized members of His Body, the Church. Instead, He forgives us and welcomes us back.

Law/Gospel: I deny Jesus when I fail to acknowledge Him and live as if I do not know Him. **Even when I deny Him, Jesus will never turn His back on me, never refuse me, and never stop loving me. Instead, He draws me back, forgives me, and treats me as if I had never denied Him.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Jesus, I Believe in You,” Track 1; “The Last Supper,” Track 7; “These Things Are Written,” Track 8.

Bible Challenge Question: How many times does Peter deny that he knows Jesus? **Peter denied Jesus three times.**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: Hosanna! (Track 8)

The Last Supper (Track 21)

These Things Are Written (Track 22)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: Peter Denies Jesus

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Forgiveness Rooster

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Essential Ingredients

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: Yes, No, or Maybe

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 6: The Passion of Christ

Text: Matthew 27:11–66

Date Used: _____

Key Point: The Father, the perfect, righteous Judge of the universe, gave His Son, Jesus, as the perfect, righteous sacrifice on the cross and punished Him for the sin of the whole world.

Law/Gospel: The wages of sin is death. **Jesus Christ paid the price for the sin of the world by His suffering and death.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Oh, How I Love Jesus,” Track 5; “These Things Are Written,” Track 8; “Jesus I Believe in You” Track 1.

Bible Challenge Question: Golgotha and Calvary are two names for the same place.

What happened there? **Jesus died on the cross for our sins on this hill outside the city of Jerusalem.**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: On My Heart Imprint Your Image (Track 14)

Hosanna! (Track 8)

John 1:29 (Track 10)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: The Passion of Christ

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Red Handed

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Ticket to the Banquet

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: All by Himself

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 7: The Resurrection of Jesus

Text: Matthew 28:1–10

Date Used: _____

Key Point: The resurrection reveals that the Father has accepted the Son's sacrifice for our sins, and it fills us with confident hope that, as Christ has been raised from the dead, we, too, will rise to eternal life.

Law/Gospel: Because of sin, I deserve eternal death and separation from God, and I am filled with fear. **The Father has accepted His Son's sacrifice for sin, making me an heir of eternal life. He works through His Word to comfort me, replacing my fear with joy and empowering me to tell others about the Lord's resurrection.**

To bring:

Engage

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," Track 9; "Easter Song," Track 10; "It's a New Day, Rejoice!" Track 11.

Bible Challenge Question: Name one of the women who found Jesus' empty tomb on Easter. *Mary Magdalene, Salome, Johanna, Mary mother of James and Joses, or Mary mother of James and John (sons of Zebedee).*

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____ Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (Track 9)

He Is Risen (Track 5)

Make Songs of Joy (Track 13)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: The Resurrection of Jesus

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Butterfly Clip

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Risen to New Life

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: Surprise Alleluia Picture

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 8: The Empty Tomb

Text: John 20:1–18

Date Used: _____

Key Point: On the first Easter, Jesus revealed to Mary Magdalene and to His disciples that He was alive. Through the Word, the Spirit gives us faith to believe in Christ's resurrection and comforts us when we mourn the death of loved ones.

Law/Gospel: Death is a consequence of sin and causes me sorrow. **God comforts me with the promise of the resurrection to eternal life for all who believe in Christ.**

To bring:

Engage

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “It’s a New Day, Rejoice!” Track 11; “Easter Song,” Track 10; “My Risen and Forever Friend,” Track 12.

Bible Challenge Question: Whom does Jesus appear to first after He is resurrected?
Mary Magdalene (see John 20:11–18).

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: He Is Risen (Track 5)

John 11:25–26 (Track 11)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (Track 9)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: The Empty Tomb

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: "Jesus Lives" Garden Tile

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Fruit-and-Veggie Butterfly

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: Empty or Full?

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Service Activity: Good News Cards

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 9: Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road

Text: Luke 24:13–35

Date Used: _____

Key Point: The disciples recognized Jesus through the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. Christ comes to us and abides with us through Word and Sacrament and continues to open our eyes and strengthen our faith.

Law/Gospel: Sin blinds me to the truth and keeps me from recognizing and believing in Jesus as my Savior. **Jesus opens my eyes through God’s Word and Sacraments so that I might believe and trust in Him.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives,” Track 9; “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus,” Track 4; “The Lord’s Prayer,” Track 3.

Bible Challenge Question: In the Bible, what is Emmaus? **A town in Judea, about seven miles from Jerusalem**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: Stay with Us (Track 17)

Because of Love (Track 2)

Revelation 21:4 (Track 16)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Salt-Dough Cross

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Breaking Bread

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: Storytelling Hunt

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 10: Jesus Appears to Thomas

Text: John 20:19–31

Date Used: _____

Key Point: We, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see. Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him.

Law/Gospel: I sin when I rely on human reason instead of God’s Word and what it says about my Savior. **The Holy Spirit gives me eyes of faith to believe that Jesus died and rose for my salvation and fills my heart with peace.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives,” Track 9; “Easter Song,” Track 10; “The Lord’s Prayer,” Track 3; “My Risen and Forever Friend,” Track 12.

Bible Challenge Question: Which disciple did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead? **“Doubting” Thomas.**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: John 11:25–26 (Track 11)

These Things Are Written (Track 22)

Do You Know Who Died for Me (Track 3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: Jesus Appears to Thomas

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Believe Key Chain

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Blindfold and Believe

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: Sensory Experience

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 11: Jesus Appears in Galilee

Text: John 21:1–19

Date Used: _____

Key Point: We are all like Peter in our words and actions, denying our Lord and weeping bitterly over what we have done. We need the same comfort Peter received—the comfort of sins forgiven and the assurance that even when we are faithless, Jesus remains faithful.

Law/Gospel: God demands that I love Him and none other, solely and completely. In my sin, I worship whatever pleases me the most at the time. **God’s love is everlasting and ever faithful; even though I deny Him, He forgives me and assures me of His love for Christ’s sake.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Easter Song,” Track 10; “The Beach Story,” Track 13; “It’s a New Day, Rejoice!” Track 11.

Bible Challenge Question: True or false: After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times, including at least twice in Galilee. **True.** See **Matthew 18:16–20** and **John 21:1.**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

To bring:

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Make Songs of Joy (Track 13)
- The Beach Story (Track 20)
- The Baa Baa Song (Track 19)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** Jesus Appears in Galilee

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Lamb Paper Snap

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Feed My Lambs; Feed My Sheep

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Catching Fish

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

- Group Activity:** Forgive Me

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Service Activity:** Faithfulness Cards

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Lesson 12: Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Text: Acts 1:1–11; Luke 24:44–53

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Jesus, our risen Savior, ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us there with Him.

Law/Gospel: I sin when I live as if the ascended Christ is no longer active in my life and the world. **Jesus ascended into heaven to prepare an eternal home for me, and I can trust His promise to be with me now and always.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “The Beach Story,” Track 13; “I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever,” Track 6; “These Things Are Written,” Track 8.

Bible Challenge Question: For how many days did Jesus appear to His disciples after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? **Forty**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Notes:

*If applicable

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: Stay with Us (Track 17)

Holy, Holy, Holy (Track 6)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (Track 4)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Looking-Up-to-Heaven Bubbler

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: Pudding in a Cloud

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: We Still See Jesus

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Lesson 13: John's Vision of Heaven

Text: Revelation 21–22

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Those who believe that salvation has been accomplished by the all-availing sacrifice of Jesus on the cross will bear the sign of Christ, written on their forehead in Holy Baptism, and they will have access to the tree of life.

Law/Gospel: If I do not believe in Christ as my Savior, I will not enter the gates of heaven. **I am baptized and believe in Jesus, the Lamb of God; He has written my name in His Book of Life. Someday, I will live with Him in the new heavenly Jerusalem, where there will be no more sorrow or pain or death.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “My Risen and Forever Friend,” Track 12; “I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever,” Track 6; “The Lord’s Prayer,” Track 3.

Bible Challenge Question: What do you think heaven will be like? **Answers vary.**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

*If applicable

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

Music: Holy Trinity Song (Track 7)

Holy, Holy, Holy (Track 6)

Revelation 21:4 (Track 16)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Skit: John's Vision of Heaven

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Craft: Heaven Banner

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Food Activity: God Knows My Name!

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Group Activity: True or False?

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes: