



JESUS MEETS THE TAXMAN



Activity 1

Get Lost Zacchaeus!

You will need:

a balloon, permanent marker

What to do:

Play in your family group in 2 teams. Divide the space into two areas e.g. either side of the kitchen table. Blow up a balloon and tie it off. Use the permanent marker to draw a face on the balloon. Each team starts with three lives.

In today's story, there's a man that the people of the town didn't like and they just wanted him to clear off! In this game pretend to be the townspeople and keep 'balloon man' out of your area by batting the balloon across to the other team. If the balloon lands on the ground in your team's area, you lose a life. The team that loses the three lives first, lose the game!

Activity 2

Story time

Watch the video at

<https://www.rippleconnor.org.uk/all-aboard-bitesized/>

Activity 3

Turning over a new leaf Prayer Activity

You will need:

Leaf outline shapes (see next page or draw your own)
Felt pens/pencils

What to do:

Think about what Zacchaeus was like before he met Jesus?
What sort of words would describe him?

Write down your ideas on the leaf e.g. greedy, selfish, dishonest, a thief, lonely, afraid, isolated.

After talking to Jesus, Zacchaeus turned over a new leaf and became a different sort of person.

What was Zacchaeus like after he met Jesus?
Write down some thoughts on the other side of the leaf e.g. sorry, wanted to put things right, generous, loving, thankful, happy etc.

Now think about yourself for a moment. What things in your life do you need God's help to change? On a fresh leaf, write your thoughts on one side, e.g. selfish, thoughtless, bad tempered etc. On the other side write the opposite of these words e.g. caring, thoughtful, patient. Pray asking God to help you be transformed in those areas by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Activity 4

Minute to Win It Challenges with coins

You will need:

Pair of thin tights (10-20 denier)
30 or more assorted coins, phone with stopwatch

What to do:

Challenge everyone in the family to have a go at these fun competitions. Set the timer on your phone to 1 minute for each challenge attempt.

Challenge 1

The challenge is to retrieve 4 coins from a pair of tights, (two coins are placed at the bottom of each leg). Coins must be retrieved one at a time. Can you get all 4 in a minute?

Challenge 2

Make a pile of 30 assorted coins using only one hand and adding them one at a time to the pile. Can you get this challenge done in a minute? To make it harder, use your non dominant hand/increase number of coins. To make it easier reduce number of coins/use both hands.

