



Monday

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ This is the first and greatest commandment. -Matthew 22: 36, 37

This is the verse of the week because it sums up the life of a disciple. Each day’s Bible story comes from the New International Reader’s Version of the Bible.

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Consider:

- In *Despicable Me* Gru goes from being a villain to being a good guy. Do you know any other stories where the bad guy becomes a good guy?
- Is there a mistake you seem to make over and over again?

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector - Luke 19: 1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man named Zacchaeus lived there. He was a chief tax collector and was very rich. ³Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was, but he was a short man. He could not see Jesus because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree. He wanted to see Jesus, who was coming that way.

⁵Jesus reached the spot where Zacchaeus was. He looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this. They began to whisper among themselves. They said, “Jesus has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up. He said, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of what I own to those who are poor. And if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back. I will

pay back four times the amount I took.”

⁹Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has come to your house. You are a member of Abraham’s family line. ¹⁰The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them.”

Discuss:

- Why did the people dislike Zacchaeus?
- What happened when Zacchaeus learned Jesus loved him?
- Do you know what it means to repent? (to be sorry for one’s sins)
- What are some ways you can change your heart to follow Jesus?

[Pre-K Bible Lesson Video](#)

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For each person:

- 1 piece of construction paper (or another colored paper)
- A few sheets of tissue paper
- Clear adhesive shelf liner, like Con-Tact Paper

[Game – Flashlight Tag](#)

The Bible says Jesus is the light of the world. So, often when people have a change of heart it’s said that the light of God is now in them.

Set up boundaries for your play area. To play select one person to be the Light and give them a flashlight. That person will count to 20 while everyone hides. The Light begins searching. When the flashlight shines on a person, the found one shouts, “I’m a disciple.” Now that person will help the Light find everyone else. When the last person is found, a new Light is chosen, and play begins again.

[Skit Video: Jesus Loves the Little Bad Guys](#)

Prayer:

God thank you for your great love for me. I want to have a changed heart and be your disciple. Please help me to love you with all of heart, soul, and mind. Amen.



You can change your heart and become a disciple of Jesus.