

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: ZACCHAEUS

Luke 19:1-11



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

TAX COLLECTOR

SEEK

SAVE

Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Sit around a table and take a moment to think about the people you consider friends. Offer a silent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the way these people show you love. Join hands at the table as someone prays:

Thank you, God, for the gift of friends. Help us to seek out new ways to share your love, forgiveness, and compassion to all those around us. Amen

TALK TIME

- Spend a few minutes talking about what you know about this story of Zacchaeus. Then turn to Luke 19:1-11. Have someone read the story aloud. What did you get right? What did you get wrong? What did you omit? Did you learn anything new about this story after hearing it again?
- The apostle Paul, Martin Luther, and *The Lutheran Handbook* (pages 128-130) all remind us that we are saved by grace through faith, and not by our good works. Zacchaeus didn't receive salvation because he was a good guy. He received salvation because Jesus sought him out and showed him grace. How would you feel if you were a faithful follower of Jesus when he was alive? Would it be easy to be jealous or angry because this "sinner" was getting a free pass?
- Share a time that someone showed you love, even though you may not have deserved it. How did that make you feel? How can you be that kind of person to others?



WEB TIME

For fun, go to an Internet search engine and enter phrases like "crazy laws" or "strange laws." See what kind of ridiculous laws are part of state and local government. Would you feel bad about breaking some of these laws? Why or why not? Remember, Jesus was breaking the law when he befriended Zacchaeus.

RITUAL TIME

Think of a person your family would like to invite to worship this weekend. Perhaps it is a neighbor, coworker, friend from school, or family member who lives nearby. Use this as an opportunity to share your faith, teaching the person about God.