

Week 1

LUKE

KIDSCOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

HOW TO USE THIS WORKSHEET:

We hope to encourage you and your children to spend time together in prayer, conversation, and discovery.

This Lenten worksheet is a tool to do just that. Make time on Sunday afternoons or an evening at the dinner table each week as we approach the hope of Easter. Consider using the following tips/guidelines as you share this time:

- Commit to being in worship together as a family during Lent.
- Read the Scripture aloud (and invite your child to read if they are old enough to do so)
- Take turns leading the prayer time
- Be curious and listen for God through one another!

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:

This week pray to do the next right thing. If we pay attention, we will see someone who needs Jesus' love and acceptance. We can show that love and acceptance too! Pray to God to do the next right thing when it comes along. "God help me to do the next right thing. And thank you for seeing me like you saw Zacchaeus!"

Lent is a season of remembrance and repentance beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing to Easter weekend. We remember God's love through the life, teaching, miracles, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! We repent (turn away) from sin, or places where we've missed the mark in our walk with God. Take time to discuss the weekend's message around the table, go deeper with daily readings and prayers from our GPS (grow, pray, and study) guide at cor.org/gps, and take part in the suggested spiritual exercise to help your kids understand God's love for them.

WORSHIP FOCUS AND RESPONSE:

- Where did you experience God in worship this weekend?
- What did you learn in the Pastor's message?
- How will you apply what you learned to your life this week?

SCRIPTURE TO READ AND DISCUSS:

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." Luke 19:1-10 NRSV

- Jesus saw Zacchaeus and did the right thing by becoming his friend. Who in your school or neighborhood needs a friend? How can you invite them to share a snack or to play together?
- What can you give to Jesus? Time in prayer or a portion of your allowance?

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK:

- Bless Your Neighbor: Look for a neighbor you could bless this week. You could make them cookies, do yard work, or wash their car. Imagine a way to make them feel seen so they know you care and that Jesus' loves them too!