



**HOPE KIDS**  
ELEMENTARY

# Small Groups

LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE - FEBRUARY -

WEEK 3



**Bottom Line:**  
**The love of Jesus changes people.**

1. Zacchaeus climbed a tree just to see Jesus.

What do you think made him so eager to see Jesus—and what might that say about what was missing in his life?

2. Jesus called Zacchaeus by name and wanted

to spend time with him, even though others called Zacchaeus a “sinner.” What does this teach you about how Jesus sees people who have messed up or feel left out?



## Discussion Questions Continued

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3. • Zacchaeus didn't just feel loved, he changed. Why do you think experiencing Jesus' love made Zacchaeus want to make things right instead of being told to?
4. The crowd judged Zacchaeus and whispered about him, but Jesus chose kindness. When have you seen someone judged by others, and how could you respond more like Jesus in that kind of moment?
5. The story says that the love of Jesus changes people. How has knowing that Jesus loves you, no matter what, changed the way you see yourself or treat others?



### Change for the Better Hanger

Give each kid a “Change for the Better Hanger” Activity Page.

- Let them decorate it with the coloring supplies.
- As they color, talk about how Zacchaeus’s life was changed. Ask: “How can you show Jesus’ love to others when you are at home or on the go with your family?”
- Help them cut out the hanger and the circle at the top.
- Read the verse on the hanger together.



**“I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you.”**

John 13:34

1. Write out the memory verse on a white board then have all the kids say it together.
2. slowly remove a few of the words from the verse and have them recite the whole verse with the missing words.
3. Keep doing this until you do not have any more words left on the white board and have them recite the whole verse



## Prayer Requests

- Hand out one note card and a pen to each kid.
- Tell students to write down one or more prayer requests on their card.

These can be personal needs, concerns, or anything they want prayed over.

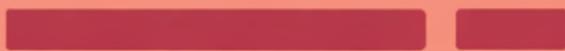
3. Give students a quiet moment to write.

Allow enough time for kids to think and fill out their cards without rushing.

4. Collect all note cards at the end.

Place the cards in your bags to take home.

5. Pray over the note cards throughout the week.



“God, thank You for the incredible story of Zacchaeus. It’s a powerful reminder that Your love can change absolutely anything for the better. Please help in the situations we wrote about in our journals. We believe that You can bring Your love and peace into each one. Help us to be part of that change by showing Your love to others this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

