

March 31/April 4th - Blindness - Luke 18.31-19.10

Opening Prayer:

Loving God,
it was a blind man who saw most clearly
that you were Lord of all.
It was a man up a tree
who recognized that you came to the most lowly.
Help us to see you
in the people we least expect.
Help us to recognize you
in the people we most avoid.
Help us to help others to follow you
wherever you may lead.
Amen.

Recap of Last Week:

Last week we told the story of the parable of Lazarus and a rich man.

The Story: Play Video/Videos

Check Video Folder

Game/Activity:

Studying The Details

You will need: a variety of small objects or very intricate detailed pictures, a magnifying glass.

Allow the children to look very closely at each object through the magnifying glass and see the detail of the object or use the magnifying glass to look closely at the detailed picture to see if they can spot something which they at first did not see in it when looking with just their eyes.

Talk about how sometimes we miss seeing things because they are small but when we look carefully we see so much more and use this as a way into talking of Zacchaeus.

Change Is Possible

You will need: a large print of one of the slips available on page 142, plus slips for each child saying CHANGE.

Discuss the statement with the young people. Ask them what is change? What could your new goal be for every day/week/month? Zacchaeus changed in today's Bible story. How much did he change and how did he change?

C H A N G E = Christ Has A New Goal Everyday

Craft:

Changes

You will need: a selection of sheets of paper (each with a small shape drawn on it somewhere such as a small circle, square, rectangle or triangle, a small window or door and similar), pencils, colored pencils, felt-tip pens.

Give each child one of the sheets and simply challenge them to make a bigger picture starting with the small shape. For example, a small circle could become a car using the circle as a wheel, or a small window becomes a house and so on. Once drawn let the children color in their creation and discuss how the change has taken place.

Talk about the story and the how Jesus noticed Zacchaeus even though he was up in the tree. Talk about the change to Zacchaeus once he had met Jesus. Ask the children to think about how they, even though they are small, can bring change to those around them.

Next Week:

Next week we will focus on the story of Jesus and the Palm Sunday Parade.

Sending Prayer:

Ask the kids if there are any prayers they'd like to focus on. Pray together.