

Children's Ministry

2 & 3 year olds

Leviticus 5:1-6:7

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Lesson Plan:

Main Point: True repentance involves restoration.

Basic Idea: We should seek to make things right when we have wronged.

How we get there: In Leviticus, God did not require you just return what you took, but required extra as well.

Examine Luke 19:8-9

1. What does Zaccheus offer to give to the poor?
2. How much does Zaccheus promise to pay back to those he has robbed?
3. How does Jesus respond?

Remind the children of the full story of Zaccheus (19:1-10). He desired to hear from Jesus, but Zaccheus' biggest problem was not his size, but that he had stolen from people. After Zaccheus hears from Jesus, he turns from his sin and offers to give his money away and pay back anyone he has stolen from. In Leviticus, it says that if I stole a \$1 from you and wanted to make it right, I had to pay you \$1.20. Zaccheus offered to pay back \$4! This showed that his heart really loved Jesus and he wanted to turn completely from his sin.

Use Illustration to help. (see below)

When Jesus says he is a true "son of Abraham," to say that Zaccheus had the same faith as Abraham (Romans 4:19). Zaccheus shows he had faith in Jesus because he wanted to make things right people. God gave him a heart that loved other people. Zaccheus shows that God has given him a heart like Jesus, an attitude that gives his most to others!

Illustration: Animal Cracker Exchange

The numbers can be hard for little minds to follow, so let's try to use some animal crackers to help. Give a child 5 animal crackers (but tell them not to eat them yet. You may need to just demonstrate this with the other leader, if you don't trust the kids can wait.) What does Leviticus say you should do if you take all 5 animal crackers away. It says that after you realize you sinned, you should pay the person back 6 animal crackers to make up for it. However, Zaccheus was willing to pay back with 20 animal crackers (4 times as much)! This not only showed how bad he felt for stealing but showed that he loved Jesus much more than his stuff.

"Nailing It"

Colossians 2:14—"having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." We had a debt to God which we were not able to pay. But Jesus graciously paid our debt on the cross. We therefore, should seek to owe no one anything but the debt of love (Romans 13:8). And Jesus not only takes the debt away, but gives us all good gifts as well!!

