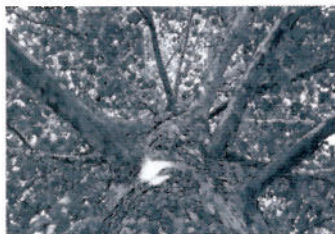


# God's Story<sup>TM</sup> Our Story



**Zacchaeus**

April 2, 2017

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**God of mercy and compassion,  
You never neglect your children in need. So bless us with your  
healing presence that we might remain by your side on this road of  
sorrows. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*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 19:8-10

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**No sight? No height? No problem. Jesus has a way of finding those who truly seek his attention. And as we should have learned by now, even a brief encounter with the Son of God has the power to transform a life forever.**

**Consider:** Consider this theme for the week's text.

**Jesus can heal bodies and spirits, and often does both at the same time.**

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Zacchaeus*, Luke 18:31 – 19:10

Monday: *Parable of the Ten Pounds*, Luke 19:11-28

Tuesday: *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*, Luke 19:45- 20:8

Wednesday: *Parable of Wicked Tenants*, Luke 20:9-19

Thursday: *Jesus is Questioned*, Luke 20:20-47

Friday: *The Widow's Offering*, Luke 21:1-19

Saturday: *Destruction of Jerusalem Foretold*, Luke 21:20-38

**Why do you think Jesus is drawn to the underdogs?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Who in your community has fallen from grace? How might they be restored? What part can you play in lifting up those who have fallen?**

**How focused are you on fairness? Could you give more than is fair? How might such generosity change you? How might it change the ones to whom you give?**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Make physical and spiritual fitness a priority this week. Add more exercise, healthy foods, and sleep to your routine. Add more meditation, prayer, and stillness to your routine. How does your contribution to your wellness help Jesus heal your body and spirit?**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**Jesus heals bodies and spirits. May Jesus heal yours. Amen.**