



Aim: To Learn from Zacchaeus to make a Resolution to do What is Good in the Future

Parent: Welcome the child and other members of the family and gather them in a circle in the room.



Tell everyone: Last time we met a man who was a

very bad sinner. His name was..... (let the child or family members call out "Zacchaeus").

- ❖ We are going to listen to him when he says what he is going to do to make amends for his wrong doing
- ❖ Let's say a prayer together. Perhaps we can tell God that we want to be good in future.

Parent: What can we tell about Zacchaeus? – allow the child and the members of the family to recall the story from last time:

- Now let us listen again to **The Story of Zacchaeus - after Jesus had forgiven him.** (We find the full story in Luke 19:1-10) *Relate it as follows: (P = Parent, M = Other Member of the family) All join in too if they can remember the words!!*

M. Zacchaeus was curious about Jesus, He wanted to see Jesus, but because he was a small man, he decided to climb up in a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus as he passed by.

P. Zacchaeus was in for a surprise!

M. Jesus called out: "Zacchaeus, come down from the tree. I must stay at your house today!"

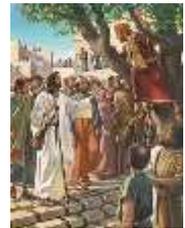
P. The people said to one another: "Jesus can't go into that man's house! He is a traitor to our people! He robs us of our money to pay taxes to the Romans!"

M. Zacchaeus said: "Lord, here and now I will give half my goods to the poor. If I have stolen from anyone, I will pay back four times the amount!"

P. Jesus said to the people: "Today, salvation has come into this man's house. He is once more one of us, a son of Abraham."

M. Jesus forgave Zacchaeus. He said sorry to the people by paying them back their money.

P. Zacchaeus made a promise to repay the money he stole. This was his good resolution.



Parent: Perhaps you can tell me:

1. **If I was angry with someone and I was sorry what should I do?**

In each of the following, the child and family members share their possible answers.

(Please no pointing fingers or accusations Have some fun – doing good has to be a happy thing.

After each suggestion as to what to do, all join in and say out loud: **"THAT'S A GOOD RESOLUTION!"**

2. **If you told a lie, and you were sorry, what should you do?**

3. **If I used a bad word, what should I do?**

4. **If you broke a window when playing, what should you do?**

5. **If I was unkind to a poor person, what should I do?**

6. **If you were unkind and did not want to share with your friends, what should you do?**

7. **If I was too tired to say my prayer a night, what should I do?**

8. **If you didn't want to pray for someone at school who upset you, what should you do? (Remember the maxims of Jesus!!!)**

Celebration:

Parent In the Act of Contrition we tell Jesus that we are going to do good in the future, because he has forgiven us. Let us say the Act of Contrition and carefully tell Jesus that we will do good in the future with his help.

All:

**O my God, I am truly sorry for having offended you,
because you are so good.**

With the help of your grace,

I will do my best not to sin again.

Amen.



If possible some cool juice all round!