

DAY 4



Jesus and Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10 I will invite others!

Read: Luke 19:1-10

A rich tax collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. ² A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." ⁶ So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

⁷ Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ The Human One^[a] came to seek and save the lost."

Reflect:

No one likes to be an outsider. We all remember a time in our life when we felt like we were on the outside looking in. Sometimes it wasn't our fault and sometimes maybe it was. In our final day of camp, we meet Zacchaeus a hated man in Jericho who had a reputation for cheating people of their hard-earned money when collecting taxes for the Roman government. One day something inside him desired to meet Jesus. Maybe he wanted to feel like he belonged or maybe he wanted forgiveness. Whatever the reason

Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus over the crowds. As Jesus passed by, he invited himself to a meal with Zacchaeus. During this meal Zacchaeus experienced the love of Jesus, expressed remorse for his sin, and made amends to all the people he cheated. Jesus invited Zacchaeus to follow him. On this last day of camp, we remember that Jesus' invitation to follow him is for everybody and the way that invitation is shared is by us. As we wrap up this week campers and leaders alike will be challenged to invite others to follow Jesus.

Act:

Plan a fun evening, like a movie night, Lego night, pizza party, dance party or anything that sounds fun to you and invite a friend or two over. Let them know how much Jesus loves you and that Jesus loves them too. Be sure to take pictures of all the fun you have!

Fun Things to Do:

#1 You'll need paper plates, straws, markers or crayons, and Skittles for this game! Each player gets 2 paper plates and 90 seconds to draw a palm tree on one of the plates. When you're done show off your palm trees to each other. Give each person the same number of Skittles on their blank plate. On "Go" each person will race to move the Skittles from their blank paper plate to the one with the palm tree drawn on it. Make sure the plates are 3 feet apart. Players must move the Skittles by using the straw and sucking up the candy one at time. First person to move all their Skittles on to the blank plate wins!

#2 Play a game of Beach Bash Limbo! Find a pool noodle, jump rope or broom to make a limbo stick. Put on some fun beach music and as each player goes under the 'limbo stick' say "I will invite others to follow Jesus." Keep lowering the limbo stick until everyone has been able to play several rounds.



**"So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory."
Romans 15:7, CEB**