

# FAMILY FAITH ON THE FRIDGE

Jacob's Well - A Monthly Guide for Playing in God's Story at Home - March 2019

## Wee Ones

One - Three Year Olds

### Finger Play

**I May Be Short, But God Loves Me!**

I may be short,  
(Pat hands down like patting a child on the head)

But God loves me.  
(Give yourself a hug)

Just like Zacchaeus up in the tree,  
(Point upwards)

God loves all people, from East to West

(Spread one arm out wide, the the other)

Following Jesus is the very best! Yeah  
(Raise hands and cheer)



Discovering: Zacchaeus Sees Jesus: He Sees Me (Luke 19:1-10)

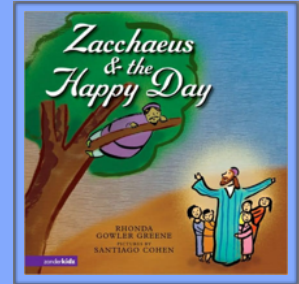
In March, the one, two and three year olds are learning about how Jesus sees us from the story of Jesus & Zacchaeus. Ask your little one what Zacchaeus did. Ask them where Jesus went with Zacchaeus afterwards? This story reminds us that God sees us and loves us no matter what.

### March Heart Verse

"I love the Lord, He heard my voice."  
Psalm 116:1

### Pretend

Read the story of Zacchaeus & Jesus from Luke 19:1-10. Then, pretend you are Jesus and your child is Zacchaeus climbing the tree. Then, go together to eat a snack at Zacchaeus' house.



### Bedtime Story

*Zacchaeus & the Happy Day*  
by Rhonda Gowler Greene

### Make It!

Cut out sandpaper letters for your child's name. Help them place the letters spelling out their name. Then ask them to trace over each letter with their finger, saying the name of the letter aloud. Talk about how Jesus knew Zacchaeus by name and how he knows us by name, too.

## The Loft

Preschool - Kinders

### Sing It

"Jesus Stops A Storm"  
Rain for Roots  
Big Stories for Little Ones

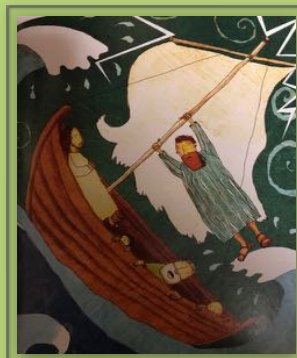
### Bedtime Stories

*The Storm that Stopped*  
by Alison Mitchell  
Jesus Calmed The Storm  
Mark 4:35-41



Discovering: Jesus Calms The Storm (Mark 4:35-41)

Throughout March, we are in the story of Jesus calming the storm from Mark 4:35-41. We'll be exploring why Jesus performed this miracle and what it shows us about Jesus. We'll learn that we can ask Jesus to help us calm the storms inside of us.



### March Heart Verse

"Be still and know that I am God."  
Psalm 46:10



### Fun In The Tub

Encourage your child to play in this story in the bathtub using a toy boat and few plastic people. Ask them what the water would have been like during the storm? Make waves in the water. Then ask what it would have been like when Jesus told the wind to stop. Make the water still. Wonder together about why the waves and wind obeyed Jesus.

# W 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade underground

## Table Talk

Do you have anything in common with the first members in God's family? What about your family? If you do, what is it?

Describe what an idol is. What idols did the Israelites have? What might be an idol for you?

Share where you sensed God with you this week. Share where you need Him near this next week. Pray for each other.

## The Gospel According to the Old Testament (Genesis - Matthew)

In March, grade schoolers are following the same topic as the adult community - The Gospel According to the Old Testament. Kids will be retracing the path to the cross by going back to Genesis, moving through Exodus and the exile of the Israelites, and onto the priestly story in Leviticus.

### Lenten Scripture Readings

Read weekly scripture selections from the Revised Standard Lectionary.

([lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu))

### Lent Doodle Examen!

Grab a spiral notebook. Doodle or write to Jesus about your high and low from your day/week.

### Family Screen Time!

Ask your 4th & 5th graders to show you The Bible Project videos they've been viewing this month: Genesis, Exodus, Exile, and Leviticus!

[www.thebibleproject.com](http://www.thebibleproject.com)



### Lent Heart Verse

"Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come."

1 Timothy 4:8



I've been fortunate to live in many different places. In one town Lent was what you found in your dryer or your belly button, not a season of the church year. In another town where we lived, Lenten specials were advertised on every fast food sign offering fish sandwiches on Fridays and there were fish fry dinners offered around town. What about you? When you hear the word Lent what comes to mind? Lent or lint?

Find some dryer lint or a lint brush. Pass it around the dinner table as you share conversation. Lint is the junk that sticks to each of us. What junk sticks to you? What is the sin that entangles you and keeps you from where God wants to take you? What is keeping you from moving and starting an adventure with God?

So, what's Lent? Do you think about giving stuff up for Lent like chocolate or cokes/soft drinks? Or do you think of Lent as an opportunity to get tighter with Jesus?

If you want to go all out, grab a lint brush and pass it around. As you roll the lint brush on your clothes, use it as an act of confession. Tell Jesus your lint. Ask Him to remove the lint in your life, the junk.. the sin that keeps you from moving toward the love of Jesus!

As a spiritual practice during Lent, consider the Lint Trap Confessional. Each time you do laundry, when you clean out the lint trap/filter of your dryer, ask Jesus what the lint is that is sticking to you that day. And then as you clean the trap, ask Jesus to clean the junk that is sticking to you. Give the junk to Him.

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## KIDS COMMUNITY AT 8AM!

JW Kids Community is now serving Birth through 2nd Grade at the 8am gathering. In order to accommodate the new age groups, all kids at 8am will be meeting in the Loft. The Loft is located on the west side of the 3rd floor.