

## Ch 3: Repentance

### Steps to Christ Children's Activity Sheet

Summary: Jesus loves us so much that He gave up His life to rescue us from sin. Jesus' love for us leads us to be sorry for our sins and to turn away from them. This is called repentance. When we repent, turning away from sin and towards Jesus, He leads us into a new life with Him.

Activity: Read the story of Zaccheus in Luke 19:1-10. Color the two pictures below, then cut them out and glue them back-to-back with a popsicle stick in between. Now use the pictures to tell somebody Zaccheus' before and after story. How can you tell that Zaccheus had a changed heart?



Before: Zaccheus knows he has sinned, but he wants to see Jesus.



After: Zaccheus gives back money he had stolen and gives to the poor.

Read Jeremiah 13:23. Just like a person can't change his skin color, or a leopard get rid of his spots, we can't change our hearts. But Jesus can!

Look for the following words from this week's lesson in the word search below:

**Zaccheaus, Sycamore, Forgive, Leopard, Repent, Change, Jesus, Sorry, Spots**

U J U X V R A D N Q O Y W S J Y G I H G  
T E Q J X S E L R X D U Q U Q Q L P P R  
N Z V A L F M P E W G A F Q N H E Q P I  
Q Q X J R Z J I E O K P T N U M D G B X  
B V Z Y A A M P U N P B P Y S P Z S P J  
R Y C C S C I M L W T A N J S Z Z K B S  
S Y U G D U G K J W L F R E D O R M K M  
P J O A O R W D W Z X Z L D P Z R I V W  
O J H L Q R P H L Q T C A B G L D R G D  
T D K L J E C S M R V Z M T F U A H Y C  
S N L B Y N W X J M V A P L G W X Z L X  
B C U W E E Z D J E F C J F Y P C K F D  
V G F O R G I V E I C C V E F L A R H W  
P T R C H A N G E G N H V P S P S Q O R  
A C O R F X F M J N C A L V X U Q Z K J  
G R S Y C A M O R E O E Z E L C S I Q R  
F Q L H D E J W V Y K U P G J G Y O Z S  
K P M E U L C E Q V P S R H M U Y K T G  
R K S Q N X Y B R C G A S E Z W T R U Q  
S R T K L B T W N C S N L B J H O C F E

Bible Story (Luke 19:1-10): When Jesus came to Jericho a man by the name of Zaccheaus wanted to see Him and hear Him teach. But Zaccheaus was a short man and couldn't see over the crowd. So, he climbed up in a tree to see better. Suddenly, Jesus came over to him and said, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." Zaccheaus was amazed. You see, Zaccheaus was a tax collector and he had stolen extra money from many people. He didn't think Jesus would want to come to his house. But when Zaccheaus listened to Jesus teach and saw that Jesus still cared about him, his heart changed. He welcomed Jesus to his house and he said he would repay all the money he had stolen and give to the poor. Zaccheaus repented, turning away from his sin and following Jesus!

Song: Change My Heart O God (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IISmG-eJTU>)

