



Zacchaeus climbs the tree

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Luke 19:1–6



Topic

Jesus sees me



Takeaway

Jesus knows my name and wants to come to me



3 minutes



Object: a picture of a tree or a real tree nearby



Preparation: 5 min



sitting in a circle



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Jesus sees me". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

½ min

Opening

Everyone stand on tiptoe and make yourselves really tall. Then make yourselves really small. Ask: What is it like when you are small and cannot see anything?

1 min

Story

Zacchaeus was a small man. When Jesus came to his town, so many people stood along the street that Zacchaeus could not see anything. Then he had an idea: he climbed a tree! Jesus came past, stopped right under the tree, looked up and said: "Zacchaeus, come down quickly! I want to come to your house today." Zacchaeus climbed down and was over the moon.

1 min

Thought

Jesus saw Zacchaeus – and he even knew his name! Jesus sees you too, and he knows your name. Each child says their name and everyone answers: "Jesus sees you!"

½ min

Question for all

Who likes coming to visit you at home?



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Prayer to read aloud

Dear Jesus, thank you for seeing me and knowing my name.
Amen.



For leaders

- Keep it short: little children listen well for three to four minutes.
- Pass the object around – touching it helps understanding.
- Say the prayer line by line and let the children repeat it.



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