

BIG NEWS BIBLE REVIEW

March 10, 2019
4th-5th Grade

BIBLE STORY:
Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Luke 18

MEMORY VERSE:

Colossians 3:12

As holy people whom God has chosen and loved, be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle and patient.

HOME DISCUSSION:

This week's lesson focuses on two types of people: the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Long ago, in the days when Jesus was living on earth, the Pharisees were thought of as people who served God and did the right thing. Tax collectors were disliked and thought of as cheaters, who did the wrong thing. The two men went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee was proud and "puffed up" saying he was much better than other men. The tax collector stood meekly in the corner asking the Lord to have mercy on him. Jesus said that the tax collector went on his way, with his sins forgiven. Everyone who thinks highly of himself will be humbled and everyone who is humble will be lifted high.

What was the difference between the Tax Collector and the Pharisee?

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March 3, 2019
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BIBLE STORY:
Prodigal Son
Luke 15:11-32

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 5:31

God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.

HOME DISCUSSION:

A rich farmer had 2 sons, and the youngest said to him one day, "Father, will you give me now my share of the property that is due to me?" His father agreed, and the young man took his share of money and left home to settle in a far country. There he lived like a prince, gambling and wasting his money on rich clothes and jewels. In time, he spent all his money, became poor with no food to eat or place to sleep. All his friends left him. He was hired by a farmer to take care of pigs. He was so hungry, that he longed to eat the pig's food. He began to miss home. The son decided to go home and begged his father for forgiveness. The father saw his son coming and ran to meet him. He hugged and kissed him for his lost son was found!

What did the father do to show his joy?

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March 24, 2019
4th-5th Grade

BIBLE STORY:
Zacchaeus and a Tree
Luke 19:1-10

MEMORY VERSE:

Isaiah 45:4

For the sake of my servant Jacob, Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by name, I have given you a title of honor, although you don't know me.

HOME DISCUSSION:

Today's story is about Jesus and a short man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was but the crowd of people was too big for him to see. He decided to climb a big sycamore tree to see Jesus coming down the road. Zacchaeus was a tax collector, and was rich. Zacchaeus gave half of his goods to the poor and if he had taken anything from anyone in the wrong, he has repaid him up to 4 times over. Zacchaeus yelled out to Jesus as he was walking by. Jesus told Zacchaeus to hurry and come down for today I will visit your house. The people around them got mad because they did not like Zacchaeus. Jesus visited Zacchaeus' house and told him "Today salvation has come to this house..." Jesus blessed Zacchaeus and his house!

What did Zacchaeus do so Jesus would notice him?