

# City LG-March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Bible Story:** Everything Has Changed (Zacchaeus) • Luke 19:1-10

**Bottom Line:** When you forgive others, it can change them.

**Memory Verse:** *Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NirV)*

**CG: Countdown Video**

**WORSHIP: “Higher than the Sky” and “Won’t Let Go”**

**Worship Leader prays...**

**CG: Camp Manitoqua Slide**

**CG: Camp Manitoqua Promo Video**

“Camp Manitoqua is a great opportunity for you to meet new friends and learn more about Jesus! You don’t want to miss it! All of the information is on this card (*show postcard*). Make sure you grab one before you leave today!”

**CG: Forgiveness Slide**

“Hi, everyone! We’re picking up our topic of forgiveness today by looking at what happened with Jesus and a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a short man. It actually says so in the Bible, in the book of Luke. (*Hold up Bible.*) And you know what? One day, Jesus came to the town that Zacchaeus lived. But Jesus was really popular, and everywhere He went He drew a crowd.”

“Well, Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, too, but he wasn’t tall enough to see over all the people. Can you guess what he did? Well, what would YOU do if you couldn’t see over the crowd? (*Pause for response.*) Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was, so he ran ahead of the crowds and climbed a sycamore-fig tree. Let’s take a look at this week’s video to find out what happened next!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)**

“Listen to what Jesus said to Zacchaeus; it’s so awesome!”

*Open the Bible to Luke 19:9-10 (NirV) and read.*

*“Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has come to your house. You are a member of Abraham’s family line. The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them.”*

“Think about how amazing that day must have been for Zacchaeus. Jesus had chosen to forgive him! Jesus decided to show LOVE to Zacchaeus instead of ignoring him or pointing out what he had done wrong. And because of Jesus’ love, Zacchaeus changed. He became a completely new person on the inside! He wanted to pay back the people he had wronged. He wanted to make things right.

“There are lots of things we can change on the outside, but God is the One who can change us on the inside. We can show God’s love to others when we choose to forgive them. And you never know what might happen when you do! God could change their hearts—just like He did with Zacchaeus.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] “When you forgive others, it can change them.**

“Let’s talk to God now and ask Him to help us forgive the people around us.”

**Pray:** “God, thank You for this amazing story about Zacchaeus. He was never the same after Jesus loved him and forgave him! You changed his heart, and then he wanted to make things right with the people around him.

We can see how You can change people’s hearts when we forgive. Please help us to forgive people who have wronged us instead of giving up on them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Remember:

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] “When you forgive others, it can change them.**

“You may not see that change right away. You never know how God might use your forgiveness to change someone. But when you forgive, you **treat others the way you want to be treated**. You give them a chance to make a change. Before we head to Small Group and talk about that some more, let’s worship God with our offering!”

**Offering Time:**

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

**Homer Glen: Victor**

**New Lenox: Daniel**

**Orland Park: Michael and Valerie**

**CG: Picture of Child**

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Here’s a picture of the school!”

**CG: MOHI JPEG**

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

**CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 2:00)**

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*