



## Generous – Lesson 1

**Memory Verse:** 2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

**Key Point:** Everything belongs to God!

**Bible Verse:** Luke 19

### SCHEDULE:

#### Center Time

*around 10 minutes*

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

#### Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

#### Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

#### Big Group Time (optional)

#### Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

#### Video (optional)

#### Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

*Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.*

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

#### Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

#### Five Finger Gospel (optional)

**LESSON:**

This is a story from Luke 19 in the Bible. **Jesus went to the town of Jericho** (1). A man named **Zacchaeus**, who **was the chief tax collector**, lived **there** (2). He had lots of money but had not obeyed God's law. **Zacchaeus had taken money away from the people** of Jericho and kept it for himself. **He loved money** and wealth **more than** he loved **God** (3) and others.

**Zacchaeus wants to see Jesus, but he is too short** (4) to see over all of the people. **So, Zacchaeus runs and climbs a tree** that is beside the road **since Jesus is coming that way** (5). **When Jesus** comes by the tree, he **looks up at Zacchaeus**. **Jesus says, “Zacchaeus! Come down! Hurry! I am coming to your house today!”** (6)”

Zacchaeus climbs down quickly. He is so excited to be taking Jesus to his house! But the people of Jericho are mad! They say, “Jesus is going to the house of a sinner! Zacchaeus does not obey God! He takes money from all of us!” While the people of Jericho are busy being mad, **Zacchaeus looks up at Jesus and says, “Lord, I will give half of all of my wealth to the poor** (7). And if I have cheated and taken money I should not have from the people of Jericho then I will give them back four times as much as I have taken!” **Zacchaeus is sorry that he loved money more than** he loved **God** (8) and others. **He confesses to Jesus the sin he had done** (9).

Jesus tells Zacchaeus and the people of Jericho, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” **Jesus generously forgives Zacchaeus** (10). Meeting Jesus helped Zacchaeus see that he was a sinner and that he needed to be rescued. Zacchaeus was willing to admit he was wrong. He wanted to start giving freely and sharing with others like God had freely given to him.

**Key Point: Everything belongs to God!**

**Review Questions**

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
Did Zacchaeus love God more or money? (Money)	Who is generous to us and gives us everything we have? (God!)
Was Zacchaeus tall enough to see Jesus over the crowd? (No)	What did Zacchaeus do with his money before he knew Jesus? (Kept it for himself.)
What did Zacchaeus climb so he could see Jesus? (A tree)	What does God want us to do with all that he gives us? (Freely give and share!)
Who was coming to Zacchaeus' house that day? (Jesus)	What did Zacchaeus do with his money after he met Jesus and was forgiven? (He gave freely more than he had taken from others.)
Who confessed their sin? (Zacchaeus)	When God saw all he had made he said it was_____? (Very good.)
Did Jesus forgive Zacchaeus for loving money? (Yes)	