



LESSON 7

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

Luke 19:1-10

(KBC Study Bible, page 1136)

Character Word

Generosity – *an unselfish attitude, willing to share with others*

Through Jesus, Zacchaeus' life of greed was transformed into a life of generosity.

I can show generosity to others because God is generous to me.

Memory Link

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." – Luke 19:10 (KBC Study Bible, page 1136)

Weekly Challenge

Turn to the tip-in page "Fruit of the Spirit" in your KBC Study Bible (before page 819). The Bible says people who follow Jesus can be identified by the kind of "fruit" they show in their lives. What words describe the change in Zacchaeus' heart? Which actions are easy for you? Which ones are difficult? Get a family member to help you memorize the "fruit of the spirit," Galatians 5:22-23 (page 1283).

DAY 1 **READ:** Luke 5:1 (KBC Study Bible, page 1110)

THINK: Jesus compares the good things you do to a bright light that shines in the darkness. God is pleased when you do good things for others. God did a good thing for you when He sent Jesus to pay for your sin. You can "shine your light" by telling others the good news about Jesus.

PRAY: God, help me be a light for You and tell others the good news about Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

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DAY 2 READ: John 3:16 (KBC Bible, page 1151)

THINK: What did God give to us? His only Son, Jesus. No one is as generous as God is. Because you have received such a generous gift from God in Jesus, you should also be generous to others.

PRAY: Thank You, God, for giving Your most precious gift, Your Son, Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 3 READ: Luke 5:6 (KBC Bible, page 1110)

DO: Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." What can you give? Get a plastic grocery bag. Fill it with nice things that you no longer need and can give away. Talk with your parents about where to donate the items and plan to deliver the donation together.

PRAY: God, You have given me many things. Help me share what I have with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 4 READ: Luke 19:8 (KBC Bible, page 1136)

THINK: After encountering Jesus, Zacchaeus changed from being greedy to being generous. He gave away half of his possessions and returned four times more than he had stolen. That's generous! Ask God to show you what needs to change in your life and ask God to help you change it.

PRAY: God, I'm thankful that You are able to change people from the inside out. Please change me. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 5 READ: Luke 19:10 (KBC Bible, page 1136)

THINK: Why did Jesus come? He came find and to save people who are lost. What do people need to be saved from? Sin and separation from God. How is a person saved? By trusting in only Jesus, not your own good works. Being generous is good, but that can't save you. Jesus is the only way to be saved.

PRAY: Thank You, God, for generously sending Jesus to save me from sin. In Jesus' name, amen.