



*Sell all that you have
and give to the poor, and
you shall have treasure
in heaven.*

*Then come and
follow me.*





Jesus Saves Zacchaeus

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Lesson Focus

The rich ruler came to Jesus thinking he could earn eternal life with his own righteous actions, but he went away sad when Jesus asked him to give up what he treasured more than God—his wealth. Zacchaeus was a wealthy tax collector in Jericho, and he climbed a tree to see Jesus as he passed by. Jesus called to Zacchaeus and announced he would come to his house. Unlike the rich ruler, Zacchaeus responded joyfully and demonstrated his repentance by repaying anyone he had cheated and giving half of his possessions to the poor.

Key Passages

Grades 2–3: Luke 18:18–27, 19:1–10

Grades 4–5: Luke 18:18–27, 19:1–10

What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ Because the rich ruler treasured his possessions more than he loved God, he refused to follow Jesus.
- ▶ The despised yet wealthy tax collector Zacchaeus sought Jesus in Jericho and responded joyfully when Jesus chose to come to his home. He repented of his sins and showed a changed heart by paying back those he had cheated and giving to the poor.

