

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#46 Fruit of the Spirit - Kindness

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Dear Families: Most families I know are already teaching their children these qualities of the Fruits of the Spirit. I just wanted the children to know that these truths are from the Bible and that the Holy Spirit is with us to help us live this way. We all struggle in these areas at times and I want to help reinforce the knowledge that God's love does not depend on us acting perfectly, because She/He knows we are human. A favorite scripture passages comes from Psalms 103:10-14 "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him. For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust." I used the male pronouns from this translation, but please remember that God created women in His image, just as She did men. God Bless!

Bible Text: Luke 19:1-10 (Verses numbered to help with crossword puzzle); Matthew 25:34b-40

1) (Jesus) entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2) A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3) He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4) So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see Him, because he was going to pass that way. 5) When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." 6) So (Zacchaeus) hurried down and was happy to welcome Him. 7) All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8) Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9) Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10) For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

"Come, you that are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you gave Me clothing, I was sick and you took care of Me, I was in prison and you visited Me." Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink? And when was it that we saw You a stranger and welcomed You, or naked and gave You clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited You?' And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me."

Verse: Ephesians 4:32 (Young ones to 1st comma, up through 2nd grade to second comma, older-all)

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ has
forgiven you.

Activities: *Zacchaeus crossword-I numbered the verses in the Bible Text so the children can refer to them in the downloads if they don't have a Bible. *Take a Kindness Evaluation – Ask an adult to take it with you *Verse activity *Zaacchaeus and tree paper sculpture

Answers to crossword:

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Down

1. Zacchaeus'
3. welcomed
5. four
6. Jericho
7. salvation

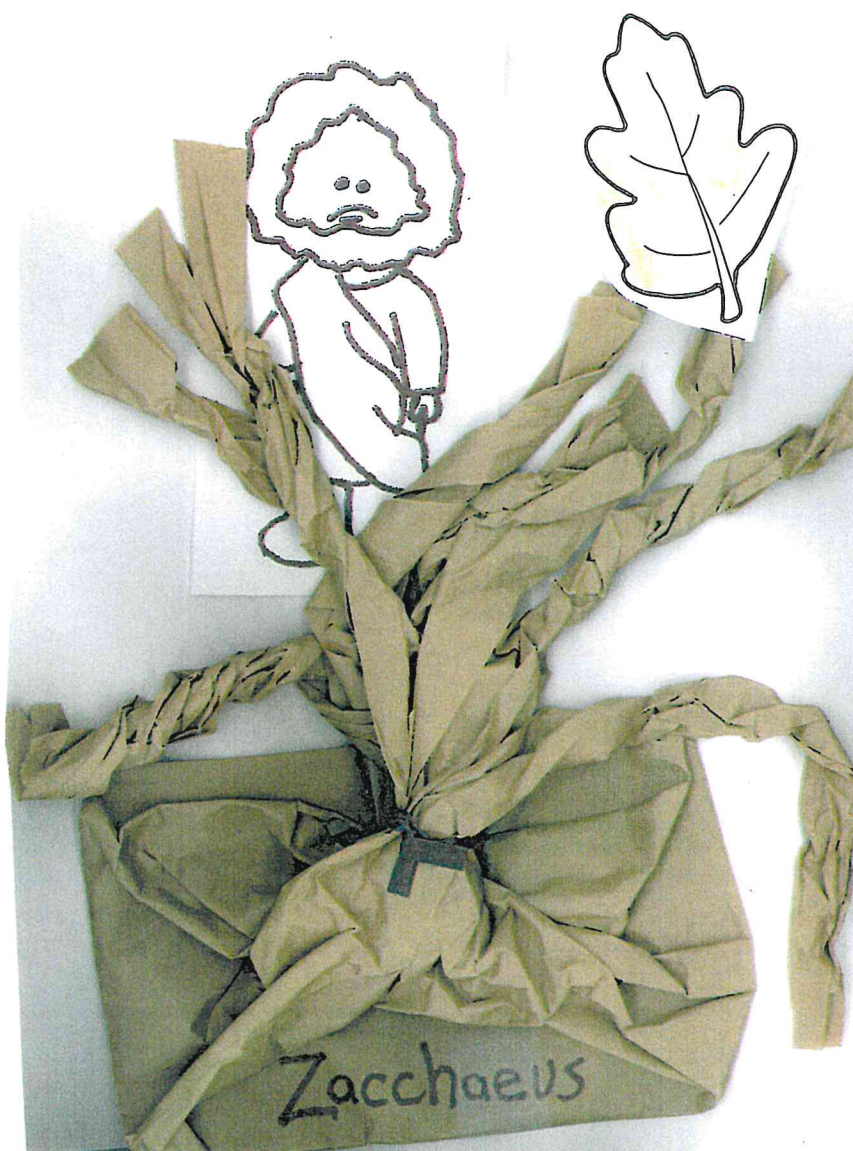
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2. tax
4. sinner
6. Jesus
8. sycamore-fig
9. half
10. lost

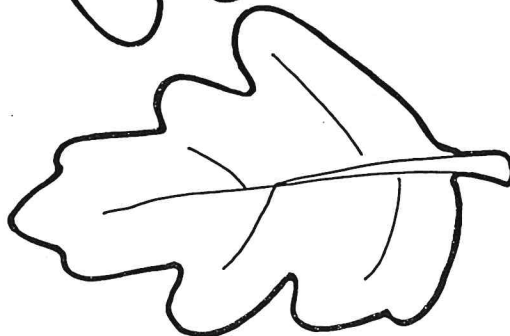
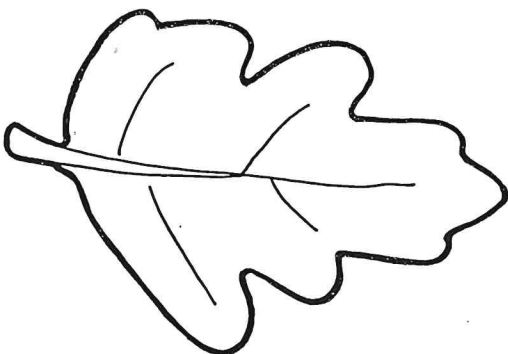
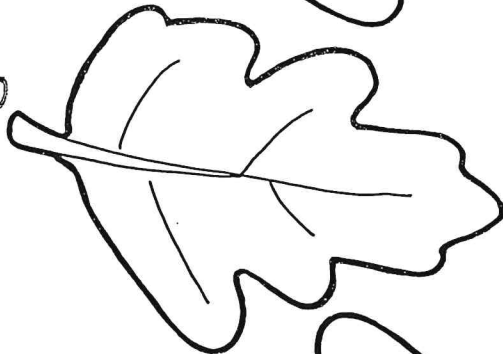
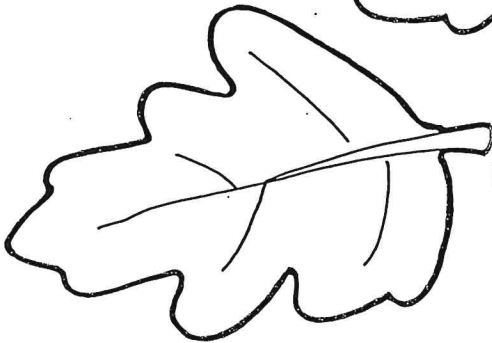
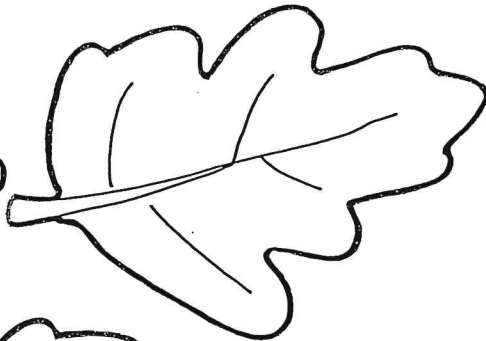
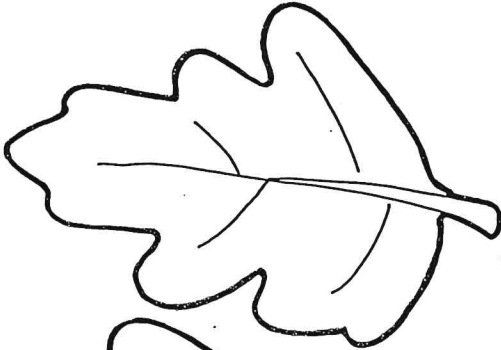
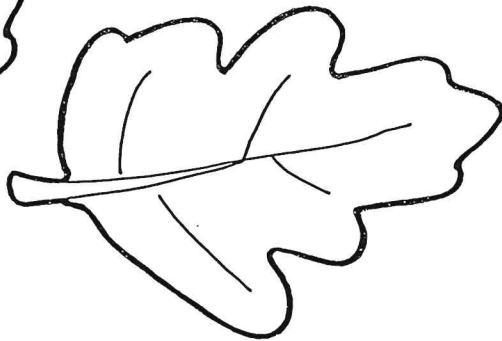
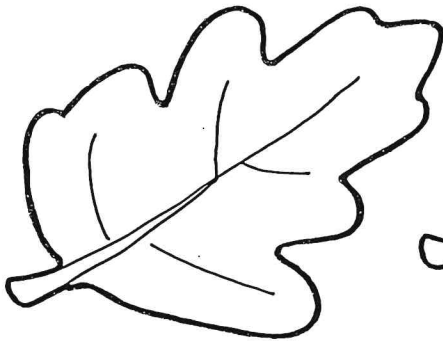
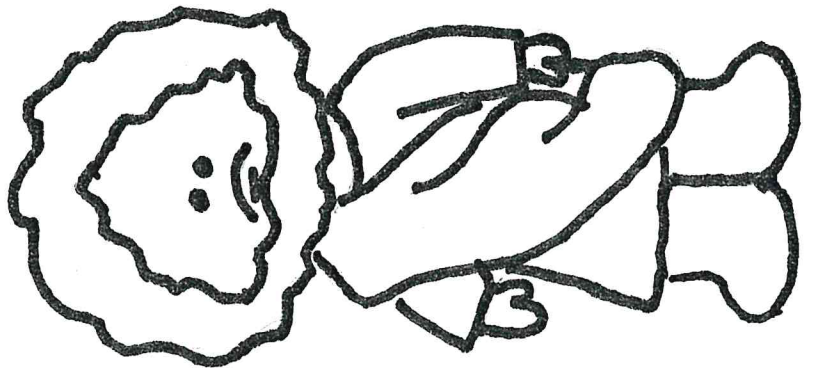
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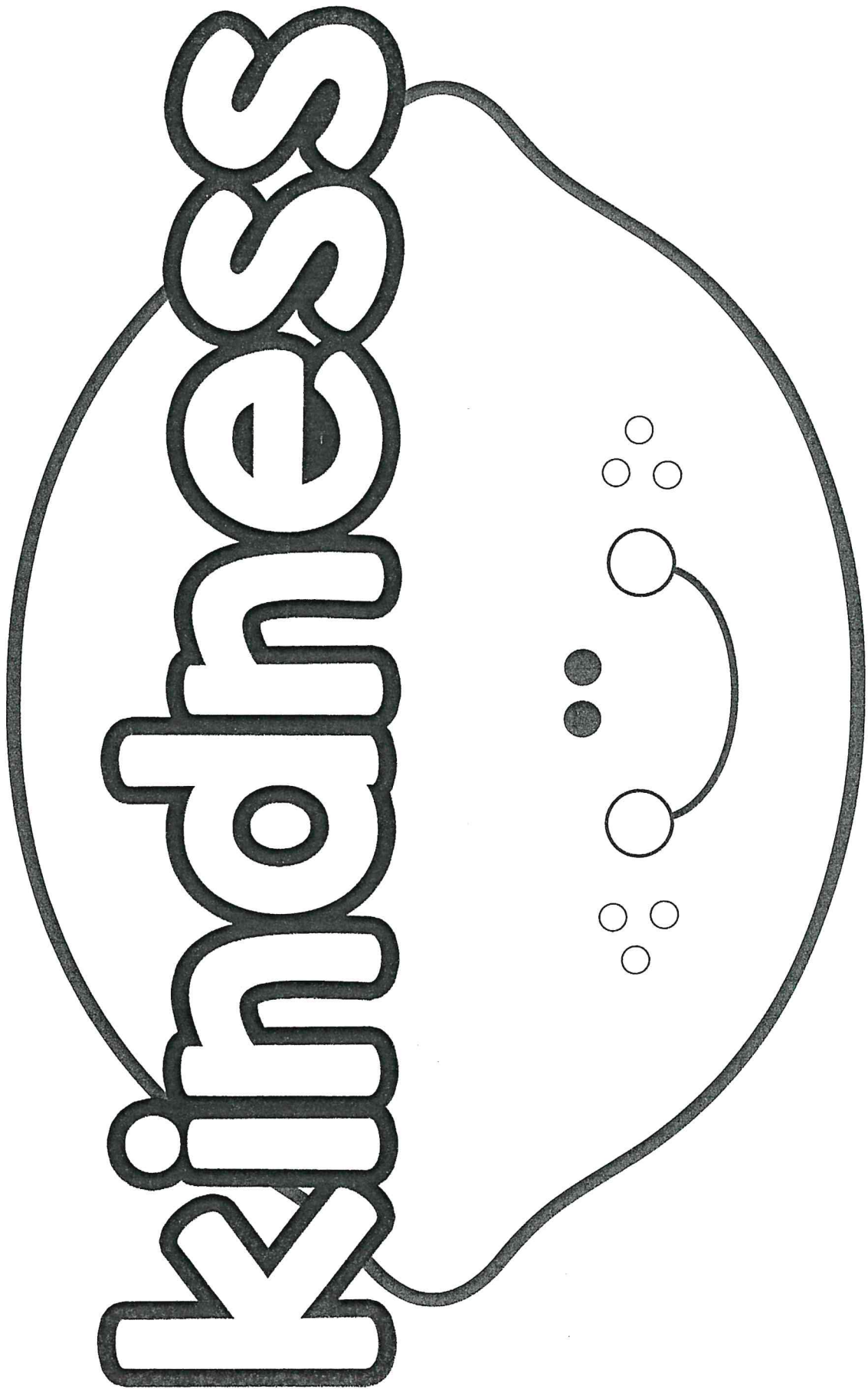
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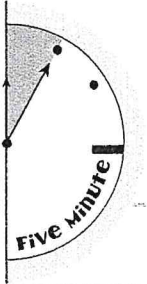
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4:32



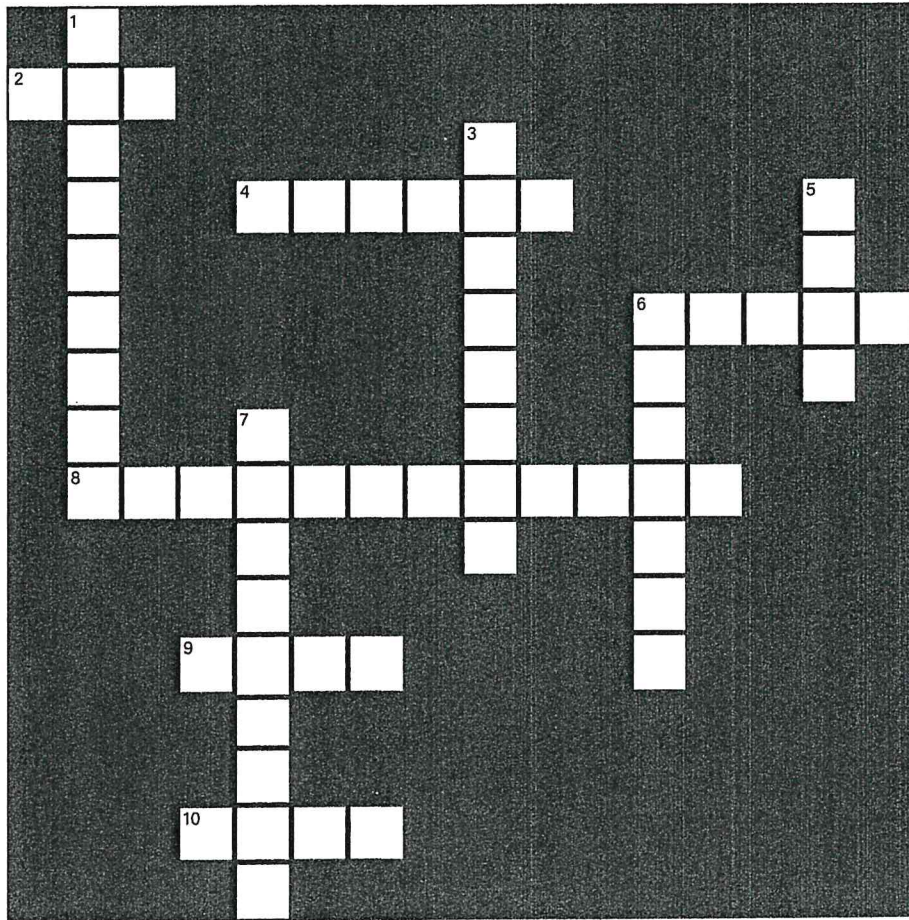
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Jesus chose to visit with Zacchaeus, who was a wealthy tax collector. He was known as a sinner. Jesus' decision to come to Zacchaeus' home was enough to change him.



Fill in the crossword puzzle. Find the answers in Luke 19:1-10.

Down

1. Whose house was Jesus going to? (verse 5)
3. What did Zacchaeus do gladly? (verse 6)
5. How many times would Zacchaeus pay back anyone he had cheated? (verse 8)
6. What town did Jesus enter? (verse 1)
7. What did Jesus say had come to Zacchaeus' house today? (verse 9)

Across

2. What did Zacchaeus collect? (verse 2)
4. What kind of man did the people say Zacchaeus was? (verse 7)
6. Who did Zacchaeus want to see? (verse 3)
8. What kind of tree was Zacchaeus in? (verse 4)
9. How much of his possessions did Zacchaeus say he would give to the poor? (verse 8)
10. The Son of Man came to seek and save what was _____. (verse 10)

Kindness Evaluation

1. What is kindness? _____

2. Why is kindness important? _____

3. What would the world look like without kindness? _____

4. List kindnesses others have done for you.

What did it feel like? Don't just say, "good."

5. List kindnesses you have done for others.

What did it feel like? Don't just say, "good."

6. "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."
Copy verse below: