

## FAITH FORMATION

### **This Week's Gospels: Luke 19:1-10**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus enters the life and home of Zacchaeus. Although Zacchaeus' neighbors see him as an outsider, Jesus knows him to be a human being deserving of love and dignity. Zacchaeus' story reminds us that all people are worthy of God's love. We imitate Jesus by opening up our lives to people in the community, and the wider world, who may be hungry or feel isolated.

Exploring the Gospel Message

**Promise (Grades Pre-school, K, 1):** This week, your child learned that Jesus wants to be friends with all people. Ask your child to use the picture page to tell you the story of Zacchaeus. Because your child prayed the Our Father in class this week, be sure to say that prayer together at least once a day.

**Good News (Grades 2–3):** The story of Zacchaeus helped your child recognize the value of friendship. Talk about how Zacchaeus felt when Jesus invited himself to the tax collector's house for dinner. Talk about the two parts of the Mass—the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Share how your family can show friendship to others.

**Venture (Grades 4–6):** Your child has learned that Jesus invites all people to his table. Review the story of Zacchaeus and discuss how your family can grow to be more like Jesus.