

What is justification? Justification is when God says that our sins are forgiven.

Week 12, November 8, 2026

Bible Story Point: Jesus invited Zacchaeus to follow Him to be saved.

Key Passage: He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)
Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19)
"Zacchaeus was a wee little man…"
This line from a popular children's song is lighthearted and catchy, but it can make Zacchaeus seem more innocent than he likely was. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector. In Jewish culture, a tax collector was the kind of person families warned their children about. People thought of tax collectors as thieves and extortionists—people who had betrayed the Jews to work with the Romans.
And yet, chief tax collector as he was, Zacchaeus became a conduit of one of Jesus' most beautiful moments of mercy and grace.

Luke writes that Zacchaeus "was trying to see who Jesus was." Something inside Zacchaeus was stirring, and he wanted answers. But the crowd blocked Zacchaeus' view, so he did something about it: he climbed a sycamore tree. He put himself in a place to see Jesus more clearly.
Our spiritual lives often require similar action. We must learn to constantly position ourselves to see

Jesus more clearly by leaning into Scripture and spending time alone with God. We make time for prayer and for fellowship with other believers who encourage and challenge us. We guard our hearts as we choose what content to consume. These disciplines don't make Jesus love us more; they simply help us be in a better position to see and obey Him.

True obedience involves trusting Jesus and doing what He says. We don't negotiate the terms. We move when He speaks. Our obedience becomes a blank check, already signed, ready for Him to fill in however He desires. That kind of surrender is where transformation begins.

This week, similar to how Zacchaeus climbed the tree, help your kids see Jesus in a way so that He might lead them to repentance and transform their hearts.

- What job did Zacchaeus have? Tax collector
- Did the townspeople like him? No, because most tax collectors cheated.
- Who did Zaccheaus want to see? Jesus
- What did he do so he could see Jesus? Climbed a tree
- Who is Jesus to you?
- How has that changed your life to follow Him daily?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key Passage
Pray: *Jesus, thank you for showing me grace. Thank you for always being involved in my life, actively leading and guiding me. Show me how to navigate my life, help me to see your grace and live a life to honor you. Continue to change my heart to follow you. Amen.*

Wednesday Night: Awana Clubs 6:00 to 7:30

Cubbies: Bear Hug 10 (Review Scripture); Matthew 4:10, "…worship the Lord your God. And Him only shall you serve"

Sparks:
Hang Glider – Psalm 118:1 Return Flight, Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good… AND Genesis 1:1, In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Wing Runner – Psalm 23:1-3, the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Sky Stormer – Psalm 100:4, Enter His gates with Thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless His name!

T & T: 2. 4 God's Instruction for Me
Mark 12:30, And you shall love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind and with all your strength.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)
Preview for Sunday, Nov. 15th.
Jesus' Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)

- Where were Jesus and disciples going? Jerusalem
- Why were they going to Jerusalem? To celebrate the Passover.
- What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem? Young Donkey!
- What did the people do as Jesus rode into town? Praised Him like He was the King over Israel!

Upcoming Activities:

Nov. 3	Last day for Good News club until spring.
Nov. 8	GA's Hobo Party (3-6pm)
Nov. 9	Women's Festival of Tables
Nov. 15	GA's Lottie Moon Tea Party (4-6 pm)
	Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal after church
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day (No Church Activities on the 24th)
Dec. 4	Childcare for SS Parties (6-8)
Dec. 6	GA's Caroling
Dec. 13	Kids Musical (6:00)
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service (5:30)
Dec 24-25	Merry Christmas - Office Closed

