1st Grade MONDAY

jesus & me
choose kind

The Point: CHOSEN

Bible Story: Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Memory Verse: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. **Psalm 139:14**

Precept: I am fearfully and wonderfully made

12:30 – 1:10 In Classroom	Welcome and opening
1:15 – 2:00 In Sanctuary	Drama/Missions/Music $ Don't forget missions money $
2:05 – 2:30 Various spots	Rotation Check the schedule this will change every day
2:35 – 2:55 In Classroom	Bible Story Exploration
3:00-3:30 In Classroom	Classroom Wrap Up **Daily Precept** **Kindness Video**

Provided Materials

- Classroom Notebook with attendance sheet
- Name cards
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Pencils
- VBC Journals
- Camp Guidelines Sign
- String and clips? Or tape to wall
- Print out of the Precept
- Tape
- Paper bracelets
- Choices sheet
- T-shirts
- Missions collection tins

Snack will be provided you determine when to serve it.

You Supply

- Nametags
- Door decorations
- Large container to collect missions money in each day.
- Backpack or bag with random items in it.

Welcome ...

Welcome & Opening Game
<u>Supplies Needed:</u> name cards, crayons, markers or colored pencils, Journals

<u>Greeting</u>
Welcome and greet your kids as they enter the room for the first time. Use the acronym W.A.R.M. to guide your welcoming time. As leaders be "W.A.R.M." toward your kids.

W-Welcome and greet each child by name every day!
A-Actively Participate-Kids notice when the leaders are sitting on the edge. Join in and participate in all the experiences of camp even when you are not leading them.
R-Relationship Building-Kids will open up if they know you care for them. Ask questions, get to know them this week.
M-Model Jesus- For some kids, you may be the only person to show them how to follow Jesus.

Early Arrival Activity
As kids arrive, have them color and decorate their name card. Invite them to draw things around the outside that they like or are special to them. You can also hand out the journals and have them put their name on it and start filling out the first few pages. The journal can also be used at any point during the day.

Gather everyone in a circle with their name cards. Introduce all the teachers and welcome everyone to VBC. Have each volunteer say something fun or interesting about themselves to help the kids begin relating to you.

Say: Welcome to VBC, the best week ever! I'm so glad you're here! My name is _____ and I/we will be hanging out with you for the entire week. You may have noticed our theme is called "Jesus and Me: Choose Kindness." How many of you have read the book or seen the movie, Wonder? *Allow responses.* The book and movie remind us that kindness can make a huge difference in someone's life.

Jesus also knew the importance of kindness and during his time on earth he made sure to be on the lookout for people who might need a little extra kindness. Jesus' kindness stories are found in the Bible and we'll be exploring these stories together. We hope that this week together will pump you up, ready to show the kindness of Jesus to the people in your life.

Say: So for this week, WE are part of a team, a group. Some of you know each other but some do not. It can be hard to make new friends at first. Here are some ways to make sure we all have a great time. These are our Camp Guidelines. *Post in a highly visible place in room.*

Guidelines for The Week
- **Participate**– take part in everything.
- **Pay Attention**- Listen to those giving instructions or teaching you. Camp will be more fun if you are paying attention.
- **Respect Others**- Everyone in this room is important to God and important to us, the teachers. We need to be respectful of everyone in this room. That means we include everyone in our activities; we say nice things; we let others go first; etc.
- **Have Fun!** This could be the best week of your summer, so let's have fun!
- **Choose Kindness -** treat everyone the way you want to be treated

Welcome ...

You know, kindness always helps us make friends quickly. Let's practice kindness while getting to know each other at the same time. For this we'll all need our name cards.

Allow everyone to show their name card and say their name. Tell everyone to listen closely it will be important to listen so they know everyone's name.

Say: You all decorated your name cards in such creative, unique and special ways. I want everyone to point to the person to their left. *Pause.* Great, now I want you to pass your card to the left, to that person. Now everyone pass your new card to the left. And pass it once more. Now everyone look at the name card you're holding. Find 2 things about the name card that you think make it special and neat, or that you can tell the person really loves. *Allow 10 seconds or so*. Everyone have their 2 things? Great!

Now we're going to take turns letting everyone hear what you think is neat about your friend's name card. You and the person whose name card you have can stand up and we'll share with the group our 2 things. Would anyone like to go first? *Allow time for sharing.*

Say: I am so impressed with all the different ways you noticed your teammates. How did it feel when you heard your name card being talked about? *Allow kids to respond.* It feels good when people notice us and find things about us that are special.

Here's something important to know. God made each and every person. He made you and He made me. He made the people in your neighborhoods and the people clear across the world. Because we are made by God we know that we are all very very special and important. Even when we make mistakes or feel grumpy, we can know God made us and loves us. Want to know the best way to love God back?! Show kindness and care about the people that God loves. And you just did that! Way to go!

Now we have one last step. You'll return the name cards to their owner, then go clip your card to the string along the wall. As you do this, look at other name cards to find things you think are neat and let that person know! I'll give you 2 minutes to do this then we'll line up along the wall for a game. *Allow time to clip name cards.*

Left Out Game: *You may not have time for this next game before going to The Sanctuary. You can save it for later in the day if necessary!*
Say: We love games at VBC! Before I explain my game, I need a brave volunteer. *Choose a volunteer.* I have some very special objects in my backpack that I want to show you. Would you like to see what I brought? All of you may see what's in my backpack…except the volunteer (use child's name). He/She will have to sit down all the way to the ground. Everyone else, you'll stand up tall in front of them to block their sight. The person sitting may not move from their spot. Here we go. *Have kids arrange themselves, then begin pulling out objects from the backpack, enthusiastically describing them and being "over the top" in general. The object is to allow the kid sitting to clearly be left out.*

After the activity. **Say:** Ok, that's all I brought with me today! Let's check in with our unfortunate friend on the floor. *Have child describe his/her feelings about being unable to see and share in the excitement. Have a couple kids help show the items from the backpack with the kid left out.*

Welcome ...

The game we just played has something to do with what we're learning today. Each day we'll travel to The Sanctuary to learn an awesome story from the Bible. We'll also be meeting some very cool and silly folks there too. As we travel through the building it is important that we stay together. We'll take our class binder with us that we'll hold up to help you keep your eyes focused on us. Any time we travel we stick together, pay attention, and use safe ways of traveling. Of course that's walking, but tip-toe is safe too. Let's go!

1:10-Depart for The Sanctuary

$ Don't forget missions money $

The kids will bring donations each day (we will give them a container to use Tuesday—Friday). You will provide a bucket, box or something to collect in your classroom. Take the money with you in your container.

1:15-2:00-Drama in Sanctuary

Immediately following your time in the Sanctuary you will rotate to a station.

2:05-2:30 ROTATION

(See full schedule in binder)

Monday rotation schedule for 1st Grade:
Blue, green, orange & purple go to Missions
Red, teal and yellow go to Craft

Bible Story Exploration...

Quick Game to Start: Only play for a few minutes to get the wiggles out
Tree, Money, Dinner
Kids Choose One Of the 3
Tree (Arms out like a tree)
Money- (let it rain kids tossing bills to the crowd)
Dinner- (eating-one hand moves up and down from mouth to plate)

Leader turns their back to the crowd and each person picks one of the above motions. Leaders counts down from 3…2…1 and then jumps around as one of the above 3 motions. If anyone in the crowd matches the leader they are out. Continue 3 rounds of practice before beginning elimination round. Keep playing until you have 2-3 winners. (Keep in mind as the game goes the leader will have to do 2 or 3 of the same one in a row to knock out a chunk the kids). Declare a winner and have the kids sit down.

Story Review

Opening Prayer
Before each Bible story review, invite kids to sit comfortably. Invite a camper to open the time in prayer, then read the story printout on next page (Adapted from Egermeier's Bible Story Book)

After reviewing the story, discuss these questions
Ask:

- What made Zacchaeus an outsider?
- How did Jesus show Zacchaeus kindness?
- Have you ever been chosen last for something?
- Have you ever not been chosen for something, or left out?

Say: Not being chosen feels kind of crummy doesn't it. Zacchaeus was an outcast in his town. First, he was short, there may have been unkind people who made fun of him. Second, he made some mistakes. The Bible says he cheated people when collecting tax money. This made Zacchaeus an outcast. BUT Jesus comes along one day and out of all the people Jesus could have had dinner with; who does he choose?? He chose Zacchaeus. Jesus knew all about Zacchaeus and his mistakes and yet Jesus still chose Zacchaeus and showed him kindness.

Say: Sometimes we might feel a little like Zacchaeus, maybe when we've made a mistake and messed up and a friend or family member is upset with us. Maybe we wish to be just a little taller, bigger, stronger, or smarter. But Jesus didn't JUST choose Zacchaeus. He has also chosen US! The Bible says in John 3:16 that God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus. God showed us the greatest kindness EVER in sending Jesus to the world.

Day 1—Choosen
Story: Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-10
Story adapted from Egermeier's Bible Story Book

Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree

In Jericho lived a rich man named Zacchaeus, who was the head tax collector. When news came that Jesus was passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem, Zacchaeus wanted more than anything else to see this wonderful man.

Zacchaeus stood with the crowd gathered beside the road, but he could see nothing. He was too short to see over the heads of the people. Down the road he ran and climbed into a sycamore tree. Now he could surely see Jesus.

Soon travelers going to Jerusalem came along the road. The people of Jericho watched eagerly to catch a glimpse of Jesus. On the travelers walked until they came to the sycamore tree. Here Jesus and his disciples stood still. Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus.

"Zacchaeus," called Jesus, "come down at once, for today I must stop at your house." How surprised Zacchaeus was! Now he could take Jesus home and talk with him.

Joyfully Zacchaeus led the way. As they went, others followed. Some thought Jesus was doing a wrong thing because he was stopping in the home of a tax collector whom they called a sinful man. The religious leaders, the Pharisees, would not enter such a house. They hated sinners.

Zacchaeus' heart was changed by Jesus' kind words. He told Jesus, "Behold, Lord, I will give half of my riches to the poor. And if I have taken more from any man than I should, I will give back four times as much as I took."

Jesus was glad to hear Zacchaeus say that. Jesus answered, "Today salvation is come to your house, for the Son of man is come to seek and to save those who are lost."

Classroom Wrap-Up

Precepts

Supplies needed: print out of precept, tape, paper bracelets, markers

Say: How many of you know what a precept is? It means a rule for everyone that will take us into action or simple words to live by. In the Book and Movie Wonder. Mr. Browne is Auggie's teacher and he talks about precepts to Auggie and the class. Being kind to people takes action. God's great kindness can be seen in how He took action in sending us Jesus.

Say: Each day at VBC we are going to have a precept for you to think about and try and live out. (*hold up the print out of the precept*) Today I want you to think about this….I am fearfully and wonderfully made. We are going to tape this on the wall so we can see it everyday.

We want you to remember that Jesus thinks you are pretty cool! The Bible tells us in Psalms that you wonderfully made. What a great truth to know! Let's all say it out loud with our names. So you'll say your name, followed by the words "…is fearfully and wonderfully made." So I will say, "_____ is fearfully and wonderfully made." Let's do it all at the same time. Here we go! 1, 2, 3! *All say the statement together.* That was awesome! Yes, you are all wonderfully made.
God made you just the way you are on purpose. To help you remember that for at least 24 hours we are going to give you a paper bracelet. On this bracelet write "God thinks I'm AWESOME!" Then put it on and wear it as long as you can to remember God thinks you are pretty cool.

Ask: How has God made you wonderful? Can you tell me some of the ways God has made you wonderfully. I want all of us to celebrate the different ways we are wonderful.

Pray together. You can pray, ask a camper to pray, or read the prayer below.

Dear Jesus, you created each of us special and unique. You showed kindness to Zacchaeus and you showed us kindness when you came to this earth. Help us to never forget how much you love us. Thank you for your kindness. Help us to remember that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. In Jesus Name! Amen.

Classroom Wrap-Up

Daily Kindness Video

Supplies needed: Choices sheet, something to write with

Say: Each day we will wrap up our time together with an example of people showing kindness in our world. As you watch these videos hopefully it will inspire you to show kindness like these cool people. Our first video is about Travis Rudolph an awesome football player for Florida State. Let's watch and see the Kindness Travis showed.

http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/football-star-shows-simple-act-kindness-boy-autism-47144326

Ask/Say: Do you think Jesus would be pleased with Travis? Of course right. Jesus kind of did the same thing when he ate a meal with Zacchaeus. Travis chose Bo and saw in Bo a cool kid! Today we've talked about how Jesus chose us.

Jesus chose kindness when he chose to hang out with Zach. And guess what Jesus cares for and loves you too. Jesus has chosen you. Let's think about how this works.

In just a moment we are going to hand you a piece of paper. On the paper are a series of choices. For example, you might see a banana next to the apple. I want you to go through and circle your favorite item in each set. You'll have just 2 minutes to do this. Ready? Set Go! Give 1 minute warning Call Time

Say: Have you chosen your favorites? (Take a minute and go through the list and see what the kids chose) Take a look at what you circled; what you have chosen as your favorites. Now imagine this; given the chance Jesus will always choose you as his favorite, He has more love and kindness for you than you can imagine. How can Jesus love and care for us all that much? Because Jesus is God after all and God created you perfectly and has chosen you!!!

Dismissal

Say: It's been a great first day of camp with all of you! I can't wait to see everyone back tomorrow and discover another way to choose kind. Don't forget to look at your bracelets and remember that God thinks you are awesome!

- Be sure the kids take home their mission collection cans, write their names on them.
- Hand out t-shirts! Make sure you give them the size that is indicated on the class list that came with shirts. This is the size they registered for. If you have kids who didn't attend hold onto them for one more day. Write their name on a sticky note and put it on shirt.