



KEY PASSAGE

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- ▶ Play musical chairs- do you trust the chair when you sit in it? Do you trust Jesus like that too?
- ▶ Practice telling God's big story using the four parts.
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REPENT & BELIEVE

WHAT IS IT?

To **repent** is to turn away from one thing and to turn towards another thing. To **believe** is to accept something as true and place your trust in it.

Becoming a follower of Jesus is to turn away from your former way of living, decided to follow Jesus, trusting that He died for your sins and rose from the dead.



BIBLE STORY JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

DISCUSSION

Read the Bible story and then review

Look up the story of Zacchaeus in the book of Luke. Discuss how the Bible is separated into two parts - Old and New Testament. Where is Luke located? Luke is one of the first four books of the New Testament - The Gospels.

Here is a way to remember what the Gospels are: (Can do with hand signals for younger kids) **"Jesus came to earth as a baby, He lived a perfect life, He died on the cross for our sins, He was buried and on the third day He rose from the grave...And that's the gospel!"**

1. Why did people think Zacchaeus was a sinner
2. Why do you think Jesus went home with Zacchaeus rather than going home with one of his friends

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DISCUSSION *(continued)*

- How was Zacchaeus lost?
- How would you describe Zacchaeus before he met Jesus?
- How did Zacchaeus change when he met Jesus?
- What do we call this kind of change in a person?
- How do we change when Jesus lives in our hearts?
- What do you think the people thought when Zacchaeus repaid them? Were they excited to get the money or still resentful that it was taken from them?
- Do you think Zacchaeus' turnaround influenced people around him?
- Who do you know that may not be trusting in Jesus? How can you pray for them?
- Believing, following, trusting and living like Jesus fixes our sin problem and our connection with God, do you believe this?

LIFE APPLICATION

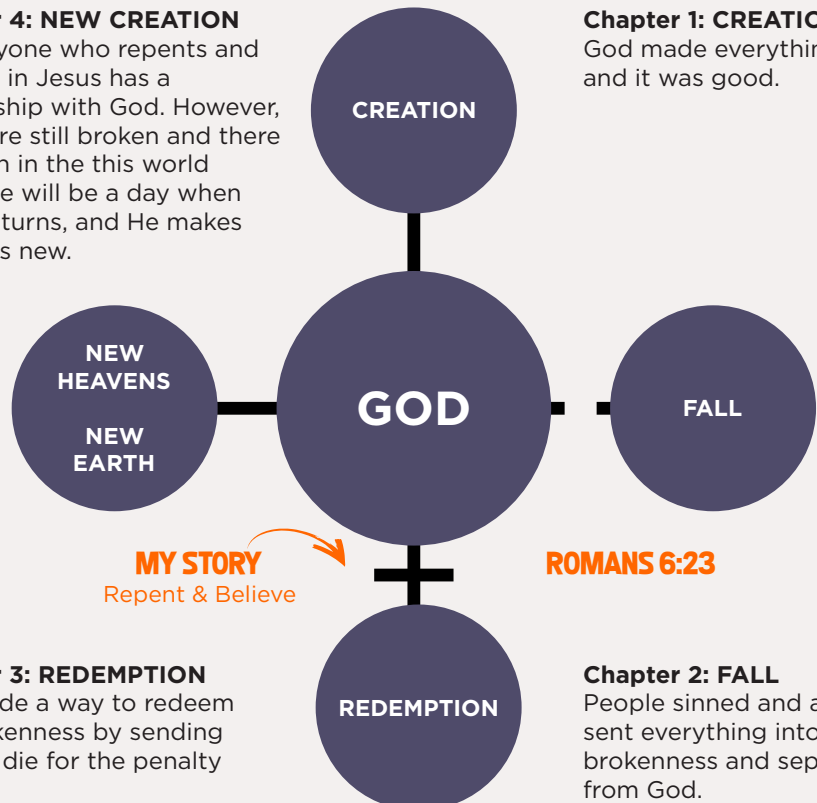
GOD'S COMPLETE STORY

Chapter 4: NEW CREATION

Now anyone who repents and believes in Jesus has a relationship with God. However, things are still broken and there is still sin in the this world but there will be a day when Jesus returns, and He makes all things new.

Chapter 1: CREATION

God made everything and it was good.



Chapter 3: REDEMPTION

God made a way to redeem the brokenness by sending Jesus to die for the penalty of sin.

Chapter 2: FALL

People sinned and as a result sent everything into a state of brokenness and separation from God.