Everyday FAITH Family Page

Law/Gospel

I take what does not belong to me because I think that it will either help me or make me happy, but breaking God's Law always makes me miserable. Jesus frees me from my misery through the forgiveness of sins. Thus freed, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to live according to God's Word and bear fruits of repentance, not to earn forgiveness, but as a response to salvation.

Bible Words

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Lord's Prayer Connection The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus was a wee, little man, And a wee, little man was he. He climbed up in a sycamore tree, For the Lord he wanted to see.

> And when the Savior passed that way He looked up in the tree. And said, 'Zacchaeus, you come down! For I'm going to your house today! For I'm going to your house today!'

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, But a happy man was he, For he had seen the Lord that day And a happy man was he; And a very happy man was he.

Family Faith Talk

"Hallowed be Thy name . . ." Zacchaeus was thankful for Jesus' forgiveness and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, resolved to live a Christian life by helping others instead of cheating them. As a family, talk about ways that you can let your light shine before others. Write the ideas on pieces of paper (e.g., help an elderly neighbor, collect food for a food pantry, visit with a lonely person, give an offering to missions, pray for those on the church's prayer list). Have each family member choose a slip of paper and ask for God's help to do what it says this week.

Prayer

Dear God, You deserve our thanks and praise for all the marvelous, merciful things You do for us every day. Help us to give You the glory and so point others to You. Help us to keep Your name holy as we live according to Your Word and follow Your will for us in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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