

# SNACKS | DAY 3

**Bible Story:** The Calling of the Disciples • Luke 5:1-11; 27-32

**Bottom Line:** I can have confidence because I belong.

**Memory Verse:** "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12 (NIV)

## PRESS PLAY SNACK

**What you need:** graham crackers, Twizzlers Pull 'n' Peel candy, M&Ms, small plate, plastic knife

### What You Do:

- Place two graham crackers, a Twizzlers Pull 'n' Peel, M&Ms and a plastic knife on each plate.
- Direct the kids to pull their Pull 'n' Peel Twizzlers apart and lay each individual piece in horizontal and vertical rows to create a grid pattern. Make sure they know they may need to cut their Twizzlers to make them fit on the cracker.
- Direct the children to use M&Ms to create a Play button. Press the candy into the center of the cracker.
- The kids can enjoy the rest of the candies on their plates!

**What You Say:** "All week long we're learning that REAL confidence comes from knowing you are loved by God! God loves you so much that He sent Jesus. Why? So that you could be forgiven. God knows we mess up. The Bible calls that sin. Sin separates us from God. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin so that we can be forgiven! When you understand how much you are loved, you can 'press play' and love others right back.

**[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am forgiven."**

# At Home Rec Day 3

## HARD OR EASY (INDOOR/SMALL SPACE GAME)

**What You Need:** Masking tape or some other way to make a line on the floor

### What You Do:

- Make a masking tape line in the middle of the playing area.
- Encourage all members of the family to stand on the masking tape, facing the same side of the area.
- Explain to the family that you are going to say a situation.
- If a person thinks a situation is easy to do, have them take a step forward. If they think a situation is hard to do, have them take a step backwards.
- Some situations are (and feel free to add more):
  - Reading a book to your little brother/sister
  - Telling a friend you can't play a certain video game
  - Completing your chores
  - Forgiving a family member when they break/lose your favorite toy
  - Going to get ice cream with your family
  - Riding in the car for 12 hours with your family
  - Singing as a family in a talent show
  - Welcoming a new kid at church
- Both of the answers are acceptable, so encourage family members to make their own choices instead of stepping where they think they should.
- Share other situations and allow family members to step forward (easy) or backward (hard).

**What You Say:** "In today's story, Zacchaeus had to do something that was pretty difficult. Sometimes one of the most difficult things we have to do is say, 'I'm sorry' when we hurt someone or do something that we know is wrong. **[Make it Personal] (Use this time to discuss, as a family, a time when you needed to ask for forgiveness. Be honest about how you felt.)**

"Zacchaeus knew he needed to see Jesus. That's why he climbed the tree. He didn't know what the outcome would be of his actions. Because we have God's Word, we get to know how the story ends. We know that we can be forgiven when we mess up. That's why we can have confidence! **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am forgiven.**

# CRAFTS | DAY 3

## TRANSFORMING PUDDING SLIME

A soothing cross between slime and play dough, this edible pudding slime recipe smells almost good enough to eat! And it's taste-safe! Families will watch how very few simple ingredients can be transformed into something fun to play with and taste. As families play with the slime, they will discuss how they can be transformed by God's forgiveness.

### What You Need:

- 1/4 cup instant pudding mix
- 1 cup corn starch
- 1/3 cup warm water
- Mixing bowl
- Mixing spoon

### What You Do:

- **Step 1:** Mix the instant pudding mix and half of your cornstarch.
- **Step 2:** Add 1/3 cup water and stir until slime begins to form. (It will be very sticky at this point.)
- **Step 3:** Knead the slime for 3 to 5 minutes until it becomes the consistency you like. Use leftover cornstarch to help the slime from sticking.
- **Step 4:** Enjoy stretching and playing with your slime.

**What You Say:** "Can you believe you can make slime out of pudding? It's incredible how it transformed from something you can eat, into something you can play with. Jesus' forgiveness is just as transforming. In our lesson today, we saw how forgiveness transformed Zacchaeus. How can His forgiveness transform us? (allow for responses) Let's say today's [Bottom Line] together: **"I can have confidence because I am forgiven."**



**PRESS ▶ PLAY**  
GET IN THE MIX

**Craft Rotation: Day 3**  
**Virtual**  
**Transforming**  
**Pudding Slime**

**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY****Zacchaeus, Part 1**

Luke 19:1-10

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

**I can have confidence  
because I am forgiven.**

**MEMORY VERSE**

**"My command is this: Love each  
other as I have loved you."**

John 15:12, NIV

**LIFE APP**

**Confidence—Learning to see  
yourself as God sees you.**

**PRAYER**

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index card & colored marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Ask kids to use markers to write the word "forgiven" in heavy lettering on today's card.
- Encourage kids to silently ask God to help them know if there are things they need to ask forgiveness for from God and/or someone in their lives as they color the word.
- Close in the following prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"God, thank You for loving us no matter what. It doesn't matter if we mess up a little or a lot, we know that You will forgive us. Thank You for offering forgiveness not just some of the time, but all of the time. We come to You with all the things we just thought about that we need Your forgiveness for. Please help us to be brave enough to not only seek Your forgiveness, but also to seek forgiveness from those we have hurt. Help us to see ourselves the way you see us so **[Bottom Line] I can have confidence because I am forgiven**, which gives me the strength to rely on You to change my actions. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**TRAVEL TIME**

As you go through the rest of the day, use the following questions to keep the conversation going, and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

- Who else do you think Zacchaeus invited to dinner with Jesus?
- Who else would YOU invite to your house if Jesus said He was coming over?
- If you could serve Jesus a special meal, what would it be?

# Journal & Prayer

## DAY 3

