



TLC Study Guide for October 20

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Our Christian Faith unites us TOGETHER for the next generation. Part of fulfilling the Great Commission to “make disciples of all nations” is to disciple our families and our children, so that we can help raise up the next generation of Jesus followers. A big part of our church and school’s mission is to make sure that families can grow in faith, hope, and love!

Getting Started:

1. Who nurtured your faith as a child, and how did they do that? (If you did not have any faith role models as a child, share people from your adulthood who have modeled and mentored faith for you.)
2. What ministries at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School help equip kids and families to learn, live and share Christ?

In the Word: Read Psalm 78:1-6

3. This psalm is about speaking and teaching – what exactly does it promise to speak and teach? (vs. 4&5)
4. How many generations are mentioned in this Psalm? (include ancestors as a generation prior to the present “we”)
5. Read Ephesians 6:4, as a New Testament correlation to this Psalm. How does this give parents a mission and purpose for their parenting?
6. Read Mark 10:13-16. What is Jesus’ attitude towards children in the Kingdom of God?

In the Word: Read Luke 19:1-10

7. How did tax collectors get so wealthy in Jesus’ day? (note that Zacchaeus was a ‘chief’ tax collector)

8. Why do some people try to find their meaning and purpose in their wealth, power, or possessions? What kind of draw do these things have on a person's life?

9. When Jesus passes by and sees Zacchaeus in the sycamore-fig tree, what two things does He say to Zacchaeus?

10. What is the response of the crowd to Jesus' choosing Zacchaeus as His host? (vs. 7)

11. How did Zacchaeus respond to Jesus' act of grace? (vs. 8)

12. How does the Zacchaeus story illustrate Jesus mission as stated in verse 10?

13. How is generosity a hallmark of the Christian life, and how does it relate to the gracious gift of our salvation?

Prayer: Praise God for His gracious invitation to each of us, to dwell in our hearts by faith, and to welcome us into the kingdom of God, sinners though we be. Ask for the Holy Spirit to work generosity and gratitude in our hearts, to help us release our grip on earthly possessions and 'stuff' and to joyfully bless others with the resources God has given us of time, talents, and treasure.

Next Week: Remember there is **ONE SERVICE** at 9:30 a.m. next week, Sunday, October 27! Reformation Sunday, with choirs, kids, and a post-worship celebration in the gymnasium when we will announce the total of our pledges and commitments for the TOGETHER Campaign. Be sure to bring your completed commitment card or turn it into the church office before Sunday if you would like it counted in the total.

Service of Prayer & Song: At the conclusion of Saturday's 12 hour prayer vigil (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.) we will be gathering in the church for a service of prayer and song, lifting up the Together Campaign and the congregation's mission and ministry. All are welcome to join us.