

# Grade 2 - Chapter 13

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## Discover

### Catechist Edition Instruction

## Discover (1)

### Objectives

- Identify how Jesus included those often left out and showed that God welcomes everyone
- Discuss the faith of Zacchaeus and his willingness to repent

### Welcomed by Jesus

Tell the children that they are going to learn about Zacchaeus and how he showed his faith in God. Have a volunteer read aloud the opening paragraph.

- Emphasize the importance of making others feel welcome.

### God's Word

Proclaim the Scripture story.

- Be mindful that the story rhymes, so it will require careful cadence to accentuate the rhyming.
- You may want to complete the Scripture review before covering the Catholic Faith Words.

### Work with Words

Have two volunteers read aloud the content of the Catholic Faith Words box.

- After each definition is read, ask the children for examples of the term.
- Ask: So, when do we need faith?
- Ask: When do you feel at peace?

Encourage the children to turn to page 324 of the Our Catholic Tradition section in the back of their books to pray the Act of Faith, Hope, and Love.

## Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Finish sharing the Scripture story with the group.

★ Have the children underline what the mumblers and grumblers said, and circle what Jesus said.

### The Surprise Ending

Have a volunteer read aloud the paragraph.

- Ask: Why would Zacchaeus feel at peace after returning the money? **knowing that he is doing the right thing relieves his conscience**
- Explain that Jesus, by going to Zacchaeus' house, showed Zacchaeus that God loved him.
- Brainstorm with the children things they could do and say to make Jesus feel welcome in their homes.

### Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Arrange the children in pairs to share their answers.
- ▶ Music Option: Have the children sing "Act Justly" or "Raise Your Voice for Justice," downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

### Quick Review

Jesus welcomes everyone into the Kingdom of God. Since Zacchaeus had faith and was willing to repent, he felt peace from his actions.

## Discover (2)

### Objectives

- Recognize Jesus' great love for children and how he welcomes them and all others into his Kingdom
- Understand that the Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice that God has in Heaven and wants for us on Earth

### All Are Invited

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the question.

- Invite the children to share their best guesses.

Read aloud the introductory paragraph.

- Stress that Jesus welcomes everyone.

### God's Word

Proclaim the Scripture.

- Ask: How did Jesus treat the children? **He welcomed them and blessed them.**

Discuss the picture with the children.

### Work with Words

Share with the children the meaning of the words *Kingdom of God* by reading aloud the definition

from the Catholic Faith Words box.

- Remind the children that they can help God as he builds his Kingdom by welcoming others.
- ▶ Music Option: Play or sing with the children “Building God's Kingdom” or “Seek Ye First,” downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

## In God's Kingdom

Invite a volunteer to read aloud the first paragraph.

- Ask: How did Jesus make people feel welcome? **People came to Jesus for healing and help and he did both. He didn't turn anyone away.**
- Help the children understand that Jesus welcomes everyone to God's Kingdom.

Read aloud the last paragraph.

- Ask the children to think about how their parish community welcomes people.
- Discuss how all people come together in Church to worship God.
- ★ Direct the children to underline what greeters do.

Ask: How do others make you feel welcome?

- Write the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

## Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Allow the children to work in pairs to solve the statement. Review the answer when everyone is through.

## Quick Review

Jesus loves and welcomes everyone, including children. The Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice.

## Catechist Tips: Jesus and Zacchaeus

Note that Jesus called Zacchaeus by name. “Zacchaeus, come down,” he said. “Let’s have dinner at your house today.”

- Jesus was not only willing to reach out to Zacchaeus, but also to go with him to his home.
- The law required that a person repay the amount stolen plus 20 percent. Zacchaeus went beyond what was required and promised to repay four times over.

## Catechist Tips: Offering Solidarity

One of the ways children practice welcoming others into God’s Kingdom is by experiencing solidarity, the ability to stand with others in times of trouble.

- Remind the children to share one another’s good times and bad times.
- Ask the children to treat one another as they would want to be treated.

## Catechist Tips: Involve the Children

When helping reinforce Christian values, such as inclusion, among children, involve them in suggesting positive behavioral changes.

- If you see evidence of exclusion in your group, invite the children to come up with strategies to

involve everyone.

## Catechist Tips: Welcoming Visitors to Church

**Props:** Necktie, purse, baby bottle, five funny hats, baby rattle, baby toy

Describe each of the following situations and ask a few children to volunteer to play the role of the visitor. Use some props to help them get into their roles. Switch roles as desired.

Give three volunteers a necktie, purse, and baby bottle. Seat the rest of the children in chairs. **A new family is visiting our parish. Most of the pews are full.**

(Have the volunteers approach the group looking for a seat.) **What can you do to welcome them?** Possible responses: *move over; give one of them my seat and find another seat.* Give a five volunteers the funny hats to wear. Say: **It is coffee and donut time after Mass. Everyone is drinking juice, eating donuts, and talking in groups. A family with three children walks into the group; they look a little different than many of the people in our neighborhood, like they might not be from around here. They don't know anybody. They look nervous. You are talking to friends with a mouth full of chocolate donut. What can you do to welcome them?** Possible responses: *go over and say hi!; show them where the donuts are; ask your family members to invite them to your table.*

Invite three children to pretend to be crying babies in the back of the Church. Give them the bottle, rattle, and toy. Say: **You are sitting near the back, near a family with triplets. The babies are crying and there are only two grown-ups to help them. Some people are glaring at the parents. What can you do?** Possible responses: *ask a family member if you can go help; not glare at the family.*

Thank the children for their great ideas and encourage them to look for other ways to be welcoming at Mass this weekend.

## Catechist Tips: Jesus Welcomes

Read or retell the story about Zacchaeus on pages 190-191. In this Scripture story, we read about Jesus welcoming someone who was apart from the group. Little Zacchaeus felt left out. However, Jesus called him by his name and welcomed him in a special way, even going to his house to eat.

- Divide the children into two groups.
- Those in the first group each draw pictures of themselves helping someone feel welcome at school.
- The others draw a picture of their family welcoming someone at home.
- Let the children show their illustrations and share the story that goes with each.

## Glossary Activity: Kingdom of God

Have children create a Kingdom of God bulletin board. Assign each child the word *love, peace, or justice*.

- Give children pre-cut paper in the shape of crowns, and have them write about and illustrate their word. Post their drawings on the bulletin board.

## Additional Activity: Welcome Mat

Tell children that a welcome mat in front of a door or on a porch means that the people in that house

like to welcome friends, relatives, and neighbors.

- Distribute paper, crayons, and markers to children.
- Direct them to make their own welcome mat.
- Tell them that by welcoming others they are doing what Jesus wants them to do.

### **Parish Video Connection: Zacchaeus Meets The Lord**

Once you've completed the Catechist Edition instruction on page 191, show this video to the children.

*Ask:* What was your favorite part of this video? What was the most important lesson in the video?  
(God will always love us, no matter what.)

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/zHXq11-RA1c>

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