

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



A series of horizontal dotted lines for journaling, starting from the right side of the graphic and extending across the page.



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

Watch this week's episode of The So & So Show by going to: <https://bit.ly/PreteenSundaysatHome>

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

- 1. You liked:
- 2. You learned:
- 3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read Luke 19:1-10

Read Luke 19:1-4, 7 and underline the way Zacchaeus is described, as well as the things that others say about him.

Next, read how Jesus showed forgiveness toward Zacchaeus in verses 5-6.

Lastly, choose the answer below that describes how Zacchaeus was changed by Jesus' forgiveness.

- A) He quit being a tax collector
- B) He gave back four times what he had stolen from people
- C) He gave half of what he owned to the poor.
- D) Both B and C

(Hint: You can find the answer in verse 8.)

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In a single day, Zacchaeus went from outcast to beloved follower of Jesus! His entire life was changed from the inside out. He promised to give away half of what he had to the poor, plus four times the amount he cheated anyone. That might have been nearly all he had! But it didn't matter because Jesus had forgiven Zacchaeus completely, even before he asked.



## Day 3

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### When you forgive others, it can change them.

Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive that maybe hasn't asked you for forgiveness? Remember, forgiving someone doesn't mean that you will allow them to continue to hurt you. But if someone hurt you and you can find a way to show forgiveness to them, you might actually see them change. It's not guaranteed, of course, but it does make it much easier for that person to change.

Personalize the prayer below to ask God to help you forgive.

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"Dear God, I know I need to forgive _____ for _____, Forgiving _____ is hard, especially since _____ hasn't asked for my forgiveness. But I don't want to hold on to the anger, and I want to free _____ to change. Please soften _____ heart toward You and toward me, and please give me wisdom on how I can show _____ forgiveness. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen."

Day 4

Jesus went to stay at Zacchaeus' house and share a meal with him.

When that happened, Zacchaeus recognized his sin and changed his ways. There's something about sharing a meal with someone that makes it easier to share your life with others.

Take this question to the next meal that you share with others. It could be some friends at lunch or your family at dinner.

When has someone forgiven you?

Take turns answering the question and sharing how that forgiveness helped you change.

Day 5

When Zacchaeus realized he had done something wrong and needed to change, he changed big time.

Instead of stealing money from others, he ended up giving back over half of what he owned.

Head to a door where you live and try this:

Sometimes when someone hurts us, they apologize, and we immediately forgive them. It's like we open the door so the relationship can continue. (*Open your door.*)

Sometimes they apologize, but we struggle to forgive them. (*Mostly close the door, leaving just a bit of space.*)

And sometimes they never apologize, and that might be the hardest time to forgive of all. (*Close the door all the way.*)

We can't control if other people change, but we can still offer forgiveness—and that forgiveness can open the door for them to change.

Think about keeping your door wide open this week as a reminder that forgiveness opens the door to change.

