



The Idea Hoarder

For the Activity Collector in You

Dear Miss Idea Hoarder! Share any ideas, ask questions ... or make confessions to ideahoarder@mrmarksclassroom.com

"Up a Tree!"



Opening Activity: Go on a "June Bug Hunt". June Bug Facts to discuss: They are drawn to light at night, hide in trees during the day, and TOTALLY GROSS MOM OUT!!!



First Point: Ewww...I Don't Like You!

Most people do NOT like bugs, especially June Bugs because they are pesky! This is the way many felt about Zacchaeus because he was a chief tax collector near Jericho. Tax collectors are known for taking more taxes than they should for personal gain. We gather that this is true in the case of Zacchaeus because the Bible says "he was rich". This probably means he came around and "bugged" people a lot!

Application Question:

- What would you do/say?
- How do you treat people who are pesky or people that "bug" you?
- Do you ever "bug" anyone?
- How would you like to be treated?



Second Point: Up a Tree!

Jesus was coming to town!!! There were tons of people so it was hard for Zacchaeus to get a good view of Jesus because the Bible says "he was a short man." So what's a short guy to do??? Climb the nearest sycamore tree to get a good look! Even a June Bug would know that!

Application Question:

- What does this mean to you?
- What would you do for a glimpse of Jesus?



Third Point: Drawn Toward the Light!

As Jesus came upon the place where Zacchaeus was perched, He looked up and said "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today I must stay at your house." Zacchaeus climbed down the tree as fast as he could to greet Jesus...The Light of the World. Jesus had called him by name and wanted to spend time with him because He loved him. Salvation came to Zacchaeus that day and he changed the way he did business from that day forward!

Application Challenge:

- What will you do?
- When did Jesus call YOU by name?
- How has "The Light of the World" - Jesus, changed your life?
- Will you commit to share "The Light" with one person this week?

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