

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**VBS 2023 – LOVED BY GOD**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Theme Verse: John 3:16</b>					
<b>Daily Theme</b>	God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Saviour of the world.	Jesus knows our need for Him.	Jesus forgives.	Jesus seeks and saves the lost.	Jesus brings us into His kingdom.
<b>Bible Text</b>	John 3:1-17 Jesus and Nicodemus	John 4 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman	Luke 7:36-50 Jesus and the Sinful Woman	Luke 19:1-10 Jesus and Zacchaeus	Luke 23:32-43 Jesus and the Thief on the Cross
<b>Take-Home Point</b>	Jesus is my Saviour, and the Saviour of the whole world.	Jesus knows that I need Him.	Jesus forgives my sins.	Jesus looks for me when I am lost.	Jesus promises me eternal life with Him.
<b>Memory Verse</b>	John 3:16 – For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.	John 4:13-14 – Jesus said to her... ‘whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.’	Luke 7:48 – And He said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven’.	Luke 19:10 – For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.	Luke 23:43 – And [Jesus] said to him, ‘Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.
<b>Teaching Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicodemus (a Pharisee) comes to meet with Jesus.</li> <li>• Jesus teaches Nicodemus how a person can enter the Kingdom of God.</li> <li>• To come into His Kingdom, a person must be born of water and the Spirit</li> <li>• Coming into the Kingdom is not something we can do – it is the work of the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith.</li> <li>• God sent Jesus to die and rise for us.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus is walking through Samaria. He meets a woman at a well and asks her for a drink.</li> <li>• She is surprised, because Jews would not usually talk with a Samaritan, especially a woman.</li> <li>• Jesus talks with the woman about the living water that He gives.</li> <li>• Jesus knows the woman’s life and that she needs a Saviour.</li> <li>• Jesus reveals that He is the expected Saviour</li> <li>• The woman goes to tell her town about Jesus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus is having supper at the house of a Pharisee.</li> <li>• A woman who was a sinner (someone whose sin was known to others) came to Jesus there.</li> <li>• The woman washed Jesus’ feet with her tears and put an ointment on them.</li> <li>• The person who invited Jesus was upset that He was interacting with a sinner.</li> <li>• Jesus tells him that the woman’s sin has been forgiven and tells the woman to go in peace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus is coming into Jericho, and a man named Zacchaeus, a rich tax collector, wants to see him. He is too short to see Jesus through the crowds, so he climbs a tree.</li> <li>• Jesus comes to the tree, looks up at Zacchaeus, and tells him to come down, because He MUST come to his house today.</li> <li>• Others grumbled, because tax collectors were sinners, and Jesus should not eat with one.</li> <li>• Zacchaeus repents of taking from others, and Jesus announces salvation. He has come to seek and save those who are lost in sin.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus has been taken to trial before the Council, before King Herod, and before Pilate, and has been condemned to death.</li> <li>• He is crucified between two criminals.</li> <li>• Jesus prayed to His father for forgiveness for those who were crucifying Him.</li> <li>• One of the criminals taunted Him. The other asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His Kingdom.</li> <li>• Jesus promised the man, “Today you will be with me in paradise”.</li> </ul>

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<b>Application Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I need a Saviour from sin, death and the devil.</li><li>• Jesus, God’s Son, who is true God and true Man is that Saviour.</li><li>• Jesus came, not just for certain people, but for the whole world, including me.</li><li>• Nicodemus thinks that he has to do something to be saved, but God does everything for us in Jesus.</li><li>• Everyone who believes in Jesus has eternal life.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jesus comes to me, even though I don’t think He would want to.</li><li>• Jesus knows my sin and knows that I need His forgiveness.</li><li>• Even though I sin, He still wants to share His love with me.</li><li>• Jesus leads us to recognize Him as our Saviour and continues to point me to the living water that only He gives.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The woman came to Jesus, repenting of her sins. She trusted that Jesus would not send her away.</li><li>• I can trust that when confess my sins of thought, word and deed, Jesus will not turn me away.</li><li>• No matter how bad I think I am, or others tell me I have been, Jesus forgives me.</li><li>• Jesus forgives me and tells me also to go in peace.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jesus knew Zacchaeus needed Him and looked for him.</li><li>• Jesus knows that I need Him, and He looks for me,</li><li>• Jesus comes to me in His Word and through those who teach me about Him.</li><li>• Jesus announces salvation to me when He forgives my sins and promises me eternal life with Him.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How can Jesus make the promise to the thief on the cross?</li><li>• Because He rose again, He can promise “today you will be with me in paradise”.</li><li>• He can make all of the promises that He has made through the week because He has risen for those people, and for me.</li><li>• Those promises are for me too.</li></ul>
<b>Music (Songs of the Day)</b>	God Loves Me Dearly (LSB 392 – theme song)	Father Welcomes (LSB 605)	Jesus Loves Me (the fancy one)	Zacchaeus	Jesus, Remember Me (LSB 767)