Secret Agents Holiday Club

Meeting the lost man. Luke 19:1-10

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Time	Activity	Notes
2 mins	Welcome to Secret Agents Holiday Club	 (RECORD) Big high energy for the first 30 seconds. List coming highlights of the day and reasons to stay tuned for Day 3 of Holiday Club. Live the theme (wear a secret agent costume and have a gadget). As Secret Agents in training we are investigating a new truth about Jesus. Big Question of the Day: Who did Jesus come to save? LINK to video: Here's a big hello from some of the Secret Agents. Request 'hello' videos be sent in to show the next day. Ask children to tell you: → Their favourite part of Holiday Club → A joke → What they are looking forward to during Holiday Club → A fun fact → A riddle
3-4 mins	Hello videos	(RECORD) Insert videos that have been sent in. Keep Secret Agent maze challenge videos for the end of the session. (Increase the length of this time as the week goes on and you receive more material.)
3-4 mins	Starter activity/recap quiz	 (RECORD) Show the leader board and give a shout out to people who are on it. Activity – Zooming out. Choose 3–5 items that people often lose e.g. keys, socks, toys, watch, shoe, teddy. Show a close-up photo/video of each item so it's tricky to know what it is. Pause for children to think of their answer. Then zoom out to show the full item. Keep it fast paced and fun. LINK: We just looked at things that can easily get lost. In today's Bible story we will hear about a man who was lost and needed to be found. Recap Quiz: Insert a slide of questions about yesterday's Bible story. Read them out one by one. Pause after each one for children to think of their answer before saying it - keep it fast paced. Quiz questions: Why was the woman so sad? What did Jesus do to bring the young man back to life? Use medicine? Spray him with water? Touch him? Speak to him? How could Jesus do this miracle? 1 point for every right answer. Keep score and send it in to go on the leader board. LINK to next video: Our Secret Agent is on the case of Jesus this week. Let's see what he is going to investigate today

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2 mins	Sketch 1 video	The Sketch Video (Part 1) SUMMARISE: The secret agent has found out Jesus is powerful. Now he wants to know whose side Jesus is on. Is he our friend? Or is he our enemy?
3-4 mins	Song	 LINK: All this week we've been hearing amazing truths about Jesus who is God. This song reminds us of all the reasons we can trust God. Are you ready to do the actions? (INSERT SONG / RECORD your musicians playing the song and RECORD leaders doing actions – use the same recording you used for this song on Day 1) If God made the sun (DumbRocks) Check out their resources on their website
1 min	Link to Bible story	 (RECORD) Today's Bible story is from the book of Luke. Watch carefully so you can spot these 3 facts: (Put up a slide with the questions and read them out) 1. What did Zacchaeus do to see Jesus? 2. Why were people upset Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus' house? 3. Who did Jesus come to save?
2 mins	Bible drama video	(INSERT VIDEO) Insert your own video or use the Saddleback Kids video 'Zacchaeus' available on their website
5-7 mins	Talk	 (RECORD) Use the Day 3 Short Talk script. LINK to the next song: Jesus came to find and save lost people. He is the hero who can save us.
5 mins	Song	(INSERT LYRIC VIDEO / RECORD your musicians playing the song and RECORD leaders doing actions – use the same recording you used for this song on Day 2) The Hero (Awesome Cutlery) A lyric video can be downloaded from their website
3 mins	Challenge	 (RECORD) Secret Agent Training Challenge #3: Secret Messages. Show a video of a leader revealing a secret message that was written in invisible ink (look online for instructions for the lemon juice method or baking soda method). Secret agents need to know how to send secret messages to other secret agents. Your challenge today is to write a message in invisible ink for someone in your house to reveal. Or drop off a secret message at the house of another secret agent in training for them to reveal and read. What will you use as invisible ink? What will you draw or write? Who will you give your message to? (Include instructions to make invisible ink in your daily email.) Take a photo or a video and send it in so we can show it tomorrow!
2 mins	Sketch video 2	The Sketch Video (Part 2) SUMMARISE: The secret agent has uncovered some truth – he's discovered Jesus is on our side. He came to save the lost. He came to save us!

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2-3 mins	Conclusion and previous day challenge photos/ videos	 (RECORD and INSERT VIDEO) Conclude with a summary of the Big Question of the Day and the answer. REMINDER: Send in videos of jokes/what you're looking forward to etc. and photos/videos of today's challenge to be shown tomorrow. VIDEO: Make a montage of the photos/videos of children and their mazes to be shown in this slot.
5 mins	Questions/discussion time	 (RECORD VOICEOVER reading the questions out and INSERT SLIDE of questions) Questions for different age groups. Younger – Why was Zach a bad man? What happened to Zach after Jesus went to his house? Who can be friends with Jesus? Why? Middle – What was Zach like? Why were the crowd upset Jesus went to Zach's house? How did Zach change? Who did Jesus come to save? Who can be friends with Jesus? Older – What was Zach like? If you'd been in the crowd, what do you think people would have been saying about Zach? Why do you think Jesus chose Zach out of everyone in the crowd? Who did Jesus come to save? Would Jesus want to be your friend? Why? Leave slide up for 5 mins to allow time to answer the questions.

Additional

Supply a craft idea or worksheets via the daily email you send to parents or upload to your website / Facebook page. Organise a zoom meet up for group discussion time and to give the children a chance to interact with each other.

Request video content for Sunday in the daily email

Ask parents to record their children doing the 'What's in the box/Dead or Alive' challenge and to send in the videos. Set up 2 boxes with the front open so the audience can see inside the box. Place objects (e.g. a stuffed toy, a bowl of baked beans, the family pet, a human hand/foot/head) in the boxes so they cannot be seen by the child/adult who will have to feel them. Blindfold 2 children/adults before getting them to feel what is in the box. If you are placing a human hand/foot/head in the box, then you will need to place it over a gap/hole for the person to stick their hand/ foot/head through from below. Or, once the child is blindfolded, another person can place their hand/foot/head in the box from the front opening. When the child is feeling the object, they must guess if it's dead or alive.

Craft suggestion – Zach in a tree

Use the inner cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper as a tree trunk. Stick paper leaves / real leaves to the top of the tube to make a tree. Use a toy figure to be Zach. Use Zach and the tree to retell today's story.

If you are preparing an activity pack for children, include a code wheel (templates can be found online) and a secret message for them to work out.

Activity suggestion

Play a game of hide and seek to remember that Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Talk about what it means to be lost from God and how we can be found by Jesus.

Worksheets

These are included in the full Holiday Club package.

Zoom meet up

Plan half an hour for a 'tea break' after the above session has finished. Then meet on Zoom so you can break up into smaller groups to chat and enjoy seeing each other. 2 leaders per breakout group. Meet in the same groups each day.





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Big Idea: Jesus came to save those lost through sin. Some wrongly think they're not lost.

Aim: To see that we are lost through sin.

Needed: Binoculars (you can make a pair by sticking two toilet roll cardboard tubes together), about 10 toy figures (use the same lesus toy figure as used in previous talks), coins, pot plant, Duplo/Lego house, sandwich, heart covered with Post-it notes showing crossed-out God and 'I love me' from talk 1, party horn/blower, party popper

Practice with props before recording.

Have you ever been lost? One moment you're safe and the next you don't know where you are (look confused as you look all around you). What would you do if you were lost? Would you shout (shout 'Help!') or run (pretend to run) or just sit and wait (look at your watch)? How would you feel if you were lost and couldn't do anything about it? Today's story is about someone who was lost (look through binoculars). He wasn't lost in the dark, he wasn't lost in a crowd or in a strange place. He was lost from God. Today we're going to find out what that means and how someone can be found by God.

We just heard a Bible story about Zacchaeus let's call him Zach (put Zach toy figure in the scene). He was a bad guy. He worked for the enemy and he got rich by taking extra taxes from people (put a pile of coins next to Zach). Everyone knew he did this. If you saw him walking down the street, you crossed the road to avoid him. If he came knocking on your door, you hid and pretended to be out (add more toy figures to the scene – keep them a distance from Zach).

So, when Jesus (add Jesus toy figure) said he wanted to stay at Zach's house, the crowd was not happy. No one in the town wanted to stay at Zach's house so why did Jesus want to? Maybe he didn't know who Zach was? (Add pot plant to the scene and

put Zach in it.) But, when Jesus stopped under the tree, he looked up and called Zach by name. He said 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down! I must stay at your house today.'

lesus chose to spend time with the bad guy. He went to his house (put Zach and Jesus toy figures into a Duplo/Lego house), ate with him (hold up a sandwich) and was a friend to him. And all the people who saw this complained (hold up one of the crowd toy figures). They said, 'Look at the kind of man Jesus stays with. Zacchaeus is a sinner!'

People knew Zach (hold up Zach toy figure) was a bad guy. He worked for the enemy and he took people's money. He was a sinner (hold up heart with Post-its stuck to it). He ignored God and he lived his way. People like Zach didn't deserve to be friends with Jesus. He wasn't good enough. He should have been in trouble for what he did. There was nothing in him that would have made Jesus want to be friends with him. But Jesus still chose to stay at his house that day. And Jesus tells us why he did that – because he came to find lost people and save them (look through binoculars). That day, Zach went from being lost to found. He went from being an enemy to a friend of God (remove Post-it notes from the heart). And that changed Zach's life – he said, 'I will give half of my money to the poor (hold up a coin). If I have cheated anyone, I will pay that person back four times more!'

After meeting Jesus, Zach went from greedy to generous (hold up a coin). He promised to give back the extra money he'd taken and to give to the poor. Zach was a changed man. Not just on the outside but on the inside too (hold up the heart). Which is why Jesus said, 'Salvation has come to this house today.' Jesus was saying that Zach had been saved - saved from his heart problem of sin. Like the man with the paralysed legs, Zach's sins had been forgiven.

Jesus came to look for and to save lost people (look through binoculars). The people in the crowd were upset because they thought they were better than Zach. They thought they were the kind of people Jesus should want to be friends with. But, the truth is that they were sinners too (stick the crossed out 'God' Post it notes to some of the crowd toy figures). They

may have looked like they were better than Zach but they also had a sin problem. We all do. We're all lost and we all need to be found and saved by Jesus.

So, it's great news that Jesus loves the lost (hold up Jesus and Zach figures). He loves me and he loves you. He doesn't love what we've done. But he wants us home in his family. He won't push us away because we aren't good enough. He looks for us, he wants to find us and he wants to be our friend whether we're good enough or not. And when Jesus finds you, he changes you. He changes you from an enemy to a friend of God (hold up the heart).

Earlier, we thought about what it feels like to be lost (look through binoculars). Now, imagine the moment you're found (blow on a party horn/blower)! What joy (pop a party popper)! What relief (big sigh of relief)! Someone looked for you because you are loved. How would you feel about the person who

found you? You'd be thankful! Thankful that they came looking, thankful that they didn't give up and thankful that they could take you home. When you've been found, you are safe.

And if you're a Christian, then you are safe – safe in God's family (hold up Zach and Jesus figures). You were lost but now you are found, forgiven, saved and in God's family. Maybe you think you don't need to be in God's family because you're good enough. Remember the crowd (hold up a crowd figure with a crossed out 'God' Post-it note stuck to it). Don't just stand there and watch as Jesus finds other people. Or maybe you think you can't be in God's family because you're too bad. Remember Zach (hold up Zach figure). No-one is too bad for Jesus to save them. Let Jesus find you, forgive your sin and take you home to God's family.

Let's pray.