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Key Bible Verse

Matthew 21:31b

"Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.'"

Creative Ways to Memorize

Song/Rhyme:

Create a simple tune using a familiar melody like "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and sing the verse along to it. Breaking it down into parts can help:

"Truly, truly, I say to you,
The collectors and the humble too,
They enter God's kingdom bright,
Leading the way, a wondrous sight."

Motions:

1. "Truly I tell you": Cup your hands around your mouth like you're speaking out.
2. "The tax collectors": Pretend to count money with your fingers.
3. "And the prostitutes": Swipe both hands out to the sides like you're sweeping away.
4. "Entering the kingdom of God": Make a "door opening" motion with your hands.
5. "Ahead of you": Point forward with confidence.

Short Challenge:

- Verse Relay: Write each part of the verse on a separate card. Scatter them around a room or yard. Have the children race to find all the cards and arrange them in order. The first one to arrange them correctly can recite the verse with movements.