

# ZACCHAEUS

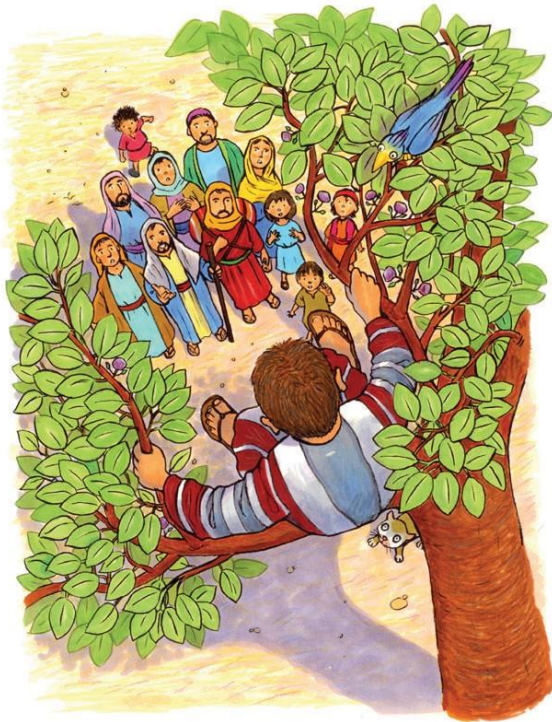
Luke 19:1-10



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## Zacchaeus



One day Jesus went to Jericho. A rich man lived there. His name was Zacchaeus and he was a tax collector.

As Jesus walked through the streets with his disciples, He was surrounded by a large crowd of men, women, and children. Everyone wanted to see Jesus.

Zacchaeus wanted to see him too, but he could not see anything through the crowds because he was too short.

Zacchaeus found a sycamore tree and climbed it so he could see Jesus better.

When Jesus reached the tree, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, be quick and come down, I want to visit you."

Zacchaeus was overjoyed that Jesus wanted to visit him, but the other people were not happy. They said, "How can Jesus go to visit a sinner like him!"

Zacchaeus was sorry he had taken so much money from people. He said to Jesus, "I will give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will repay them four times as much as I took."

Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today you and your family have received salvation. Even as a tax collector, you have been chosen as one of God's people. For as the Son of Man, I have come to save those who are lost."

## Suggestions for the Teacher

### Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the visit of Jesus in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise, a table, a chair. Let a child climb on the gallery, a tree or a place under the roof.

### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Who is Zacchaeus and what wrong does he do?  
(He is a rich tax collector. He overcharges the people to make extra money for himself.)
- What does Jesus explain to him? (Every sinner can receive salvation through Jesus.)
- What does Zacchaeus do when Jesus meets him?
  - He receives Jesus joyfully. He listens to Jesus.
  - He regrets what he has done wrong.
- What does he do with his money?
  - He gives money to the poor.
  - He gives back fourfold to those from whom he had taken extra money.

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus Christ visited Zacchaeus even though he was a sinner.
- Jesus offered Zacchaeus salvation.
- If we accept Jesus, we will have salvation too.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Zacchaeus changed his attitude after his experience with Jesus.
- We, too, have to change because we also experience Jesus.
- What are things we should change? (Pride, egoism, envy,...)

**Repeat the Message**  
**Jesus loves sinners.**