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Zacchaeus climbs a tree

Story and activities to do at home
while we are unable to meet.

Don't worry if you don't do everything in here.
Just do what you fancy and have fun!



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Story



New Living Translation

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him



by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated

people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:1-10

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Simple version

Jesus went into Jericho where there was a huge crowd waiting to see him. A tax collector called Zacchaeus lived in Jericho. He was a short man so he could not see Jesus over the crowd. He climbed a nearby tree so he could see Jesus. When Jesus reached the tree, he looked up and saw Zacchaeus and told him, "Come down, I want to have a meal in your house today." Some people were angry as Zacchaeus was a bad man. Zacchaeus told Jesus "I am going to give half of my money to help the poor and I am going to pay back four times as much to the people I have cheated." The crowd were surprised. Jesus told them, "I came to look for those who were lost like Zacchaeus, to save them."



Questions to discuss

After reading the story together, you could discuss these questions as a family:

1. Which famous person would you like to meet?
2. What would you do if you heard they were coming to your town or village?
3. How do you think Zacchaeus felt when Jesus said that He wanted to come to his house?
4. What would you do to welcome Jesus to your house?



Short prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving me so much!
Thank You for sending Jesus to the world to be our friend.
Please help me to welcome Jesus into my life as a special friend.
Amen.



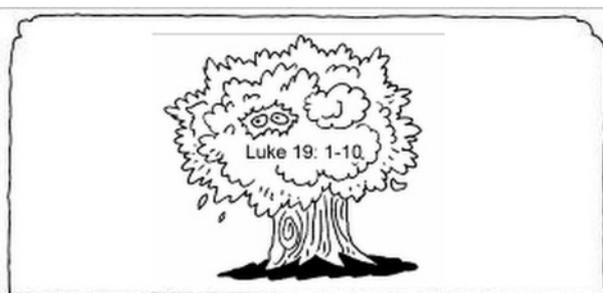
Story to colour

ZACCHAEUS climbs a tree

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Illustrated by Richard Gunther



Zacchaeus the Tax Collector,
was not an honest man.
Meeting Jesus changed
him and the way he behaved.



Zacchaeus had lots of money,
but he was not a nice man.
His job was to collect and change money,
but he took too much.



When he took money from people
he took some money for himself.
He was not kind.
Nobody liked Zacchaeus.



One day Jesus was coming to town
and everyone went to see him.
Zacchaeus was too small to see over the crowd
and no one would let him through.



He quickly ran ahead
and climbed up a tree.
He waited for Jesus to go past.
Now he could see Jesus.



Jesus stopped under the tree
He looked up.
"Zacchaeus come down," said Jesus,
"I am coming to your house today."



People said, "Doesn't Jesus know
that Zacchaeus is a bad man?"
"Do what is good and right, Zacchaeus,"
Jesus said. Zacchaeus listened.

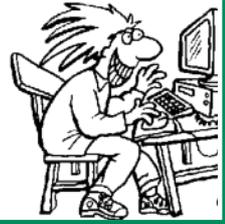


He was sorry he had taken people's money.
He paid it all back.
"I love Jesus," said Zacchaeus.
"Now I will do what is good and right."



Video of the story
<https://youtu.be/AwL1lx68ZXw>

Video of song of the week
<https://youtu.be/-JaZmYWQY0>



Cartoon of the story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DjlbJFz2ug>



Creative prayer

Jenga prayers

- Play Jenga.
- Talk about how things can break and need to be mended. As well as things breaking, sometimes friendships can also be 'broken'. If we remove a piece of the Jenga from the tower the building will weaken but if the blocks are in the correct order the building will be strong and stable.
- Our friendship with Jesus is similar to the blocks in the Jenga.
- We all break our friendship with Jesus if we do things we shouldn't. but when we ask for forgiveness our friendship with Him is mended.
- Zacchaeus' relationship with the people he had cheated had been broken, but Jesus mended the broken relationship by showing Zacchaeus that God loved him.



Helicopter prayers

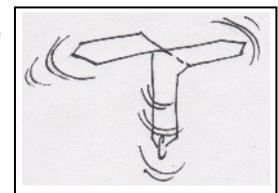
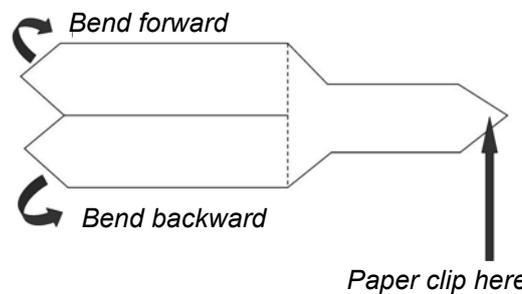
Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus.
 The sycamore produces helicopter-like seeds.

You will need:

- Helicopter shape as pictured but much larger.
- Paper clip
- Felt pens

What to do:

- Cut out the shape of the helicopter.
- Decorate one side of the paper helicopter.
- Write a prayer and ask God to help you change something in your life for the better.
- Bend one part of the tail forward and the other back.
- Attach a paper clip to the nose.
- Drop the helicopter and watch it spin!



Puzzles

Words from the story

Put the words below in the correct order.

Then use the letters in the yellow boxes to answer the question below.

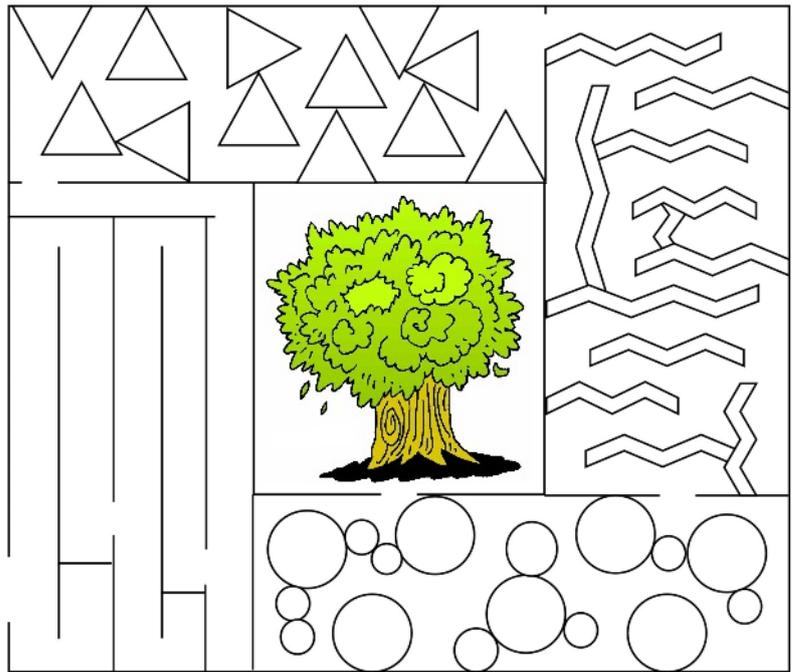
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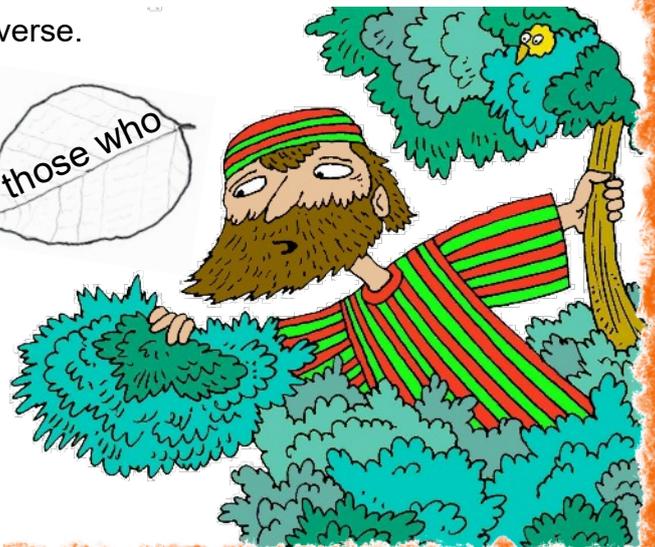
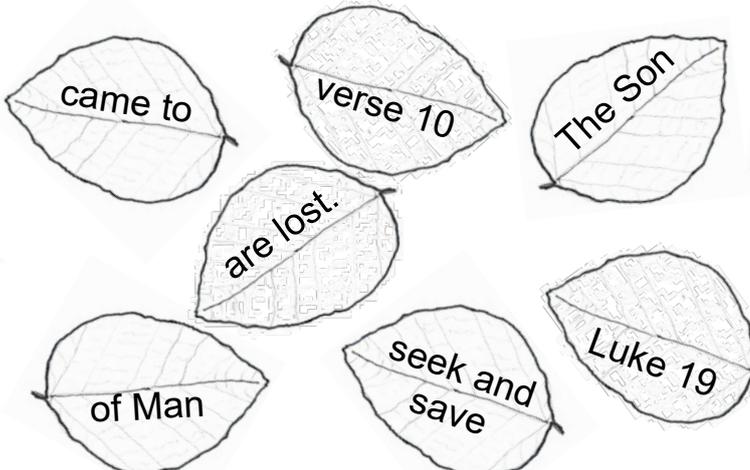
Where did Zacchaeus sit to see Jesus?

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Can you help Zacchaeus to get to the tree?



Put the leaves in the correct order to find the memory verse.

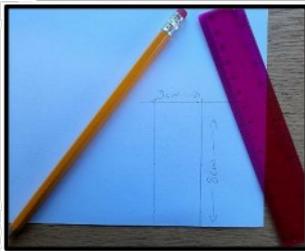


Craft

Zacchaeus In A Tree Acrobat

You will need:

White & Green card, pipe cleaner, 2 bendy straws, Sellotape, glue stick, scissors, pencil, felt pens, ruler.



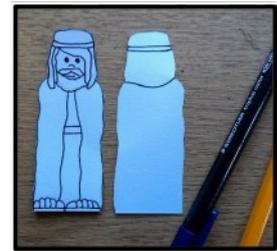
1. Draw a rectangle 8cm x 3cm.



2. Draw Zacchaeus in the rectangle, but don't draw any arms on him.



3. Fold the card in half & cut around Zacchaeus. You will end up with a front & back of Zacchaeus.



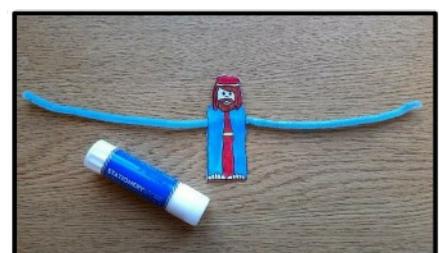
4. Draw the back of Zacchaeus.



5. Colour in Zacchaeus. Colour the coat the same colour as the pipe cleaner.



6. Sellotape the pipe cleaner to the back of Zacchaeus, where his arms would be.



7. Cover the other side of Zacchaeus in glue & press the two pieces of card firmly together.



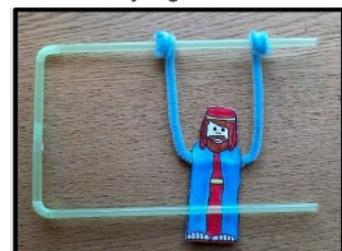
8. Bend the pipe cleaner above the head of Zacchaeus & rest a pencil on top.



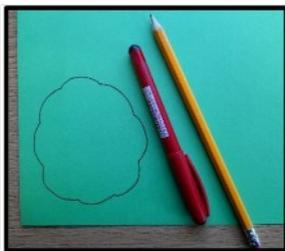
9. Twirl the pipe cleaner arms around the pencil.



10. To make the tree trunk, bend 2 straws & push one of the straws into the other. Sellotape to keep in place.



11. Gently take Zacchaeus off the pencil & thread him onto the middle of the straw.



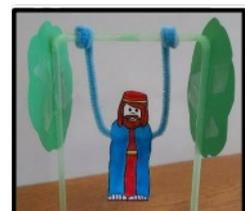
12. On the green card draw the top of a tree.



13. Fold the card in half & cut around shape, you will end up two trees.



14. Sellotape the tops of the trees to either side of the straws.



Hold a straw in each hand and flick forward, Zacchaeus will spin around the 'tree trunk' like an acrobat!

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Wordsearch

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 ZACCHAEUS
 RICH
 SHORT
 CLIMB
 TREE
 SEE
 TOOK
 JESUS
 HOUSE
 PEOPLE
 GRUMBLE
 SINNER
 WEALTH
 POOR
 SALVATION
 SEEK
 LOST



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Challenges

- How many different trees can you find outdoors?
- Can you find a sycamore?
- Can you do rubbings of the bark of some of the trees?



Use Lego to make a model of the story of Zacchaeus.



Climb a tree

Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus.
Ask your parents for permission to climb a tree, and ask them to watch you while you climb.
 Be careful!

Share

After Jesus came to his house, Zacchaeus wanted to share half of everything he had with poor people. The challenge for you this week is to share half of your sweets with your family!



A minute game - pennies

You will need:

- Plenty of pennies (at least 30)
- A minute timer - watch/phone

How to play:

- Each player is given one minute to make a pile as high as possible with the pennies.
- The player can only use one hand and must put the other hand behind their back.



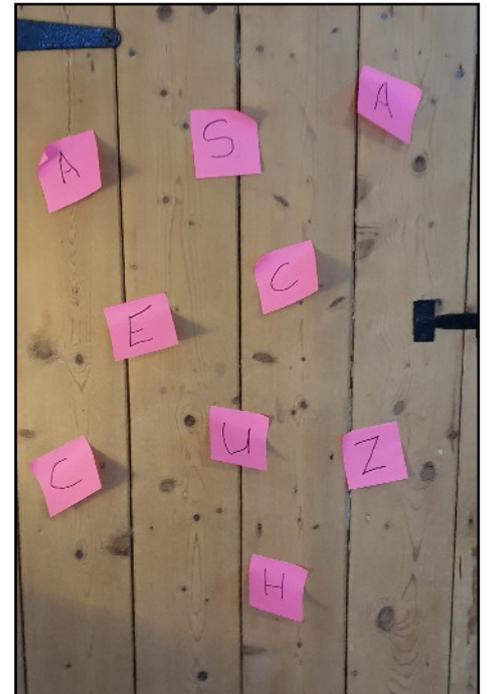
Sock challenge!

You will need:

- 'Post-it' notes
- Felt pen
- A sock rolled into a ball

How to play:

- Write Zacchaeus' name putting one letter on each of the 'Post-it' notes.
- Place the letters on a door but not in order.
- Each player takes it in turns to throw the sock at the papers to spell Zacchaeus' name.
- Count how many times each player has thrown the sock.
- The winner is the player who successfully spells Zacchaeus' name by throwing the sock the least number of times.



Taxman Zac of Jericho (not a guy you'd like to know)
Hearing Jesus was in town, off to Him he'd go!
Taxman Zac, was rather small, couldn't see Jesus, not at all,
thought, 'I'll climb a tree! How cool! Really mustn't fall'

Jesus walked, with crowd so near, by Zacs tree, then pausing there,
said 'Hey Zac, now come down here; time to eat and share.'
Jesus ate at Zacs, no shame, (He wasn't here to judge and blame),
'Life to the Max' Jesus explained - Zac wouldn't be the same.

Jesus, Saviour, praising You, changing lives - You make them new.
Jesus, Saviour, thanking You, Lovin' what You (clap) do.

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Sing



Watch this song and sing along at <https://youtu.be/-JaZmYWQY0>

If you'd like a copy of the sheet music, contact Andy Hughes - ahughes@saintygyuned.org