

Story 2 : Zacchaeus

Main Bible verse
[Luke 19:10]

The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them."

In the town of Jericho there lived a chief tax collector called Zacchaeus. He was very short.

A tax collector collects money from people. Zacchaeus would collect taxes not only from the rich but also forced the poor to pay. So the people did not like him and called him a sinner. Zacchaeus collected extra tax from people, took the money, and became very rich.

All the people hated Zacchaeus more and more, so Zacchaeus was always alone.

Then one day, Jesus came to Jericho! Zacchaeus was curious about who Jesus was because he had heard about Jesus, how He had healed the sick in many towns and preached the word of God.

Zacchaeus did not wait and rushed to see Jesus. But he couldn't get close to Jesus because of the crowd that had already gathered. Zacchaeus was too short, so he climbed the sycamore tree. While Zacchaeus was watching Jesus, Jesus stopped walking, looked up at the sycamore tree and spoke to Zacchaeus.

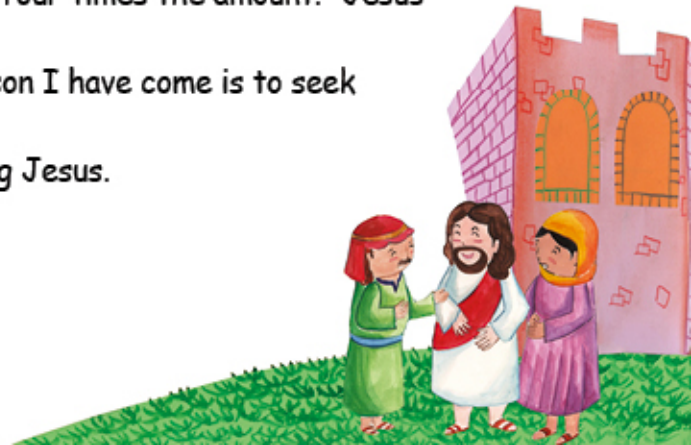
"Zacchaeus, come down immediately! I must stay at your house today!" Jesus spoke to Zacchaeus as if they were friends from long ago. Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed Jesus gladly.

But all the people who saw this began to grumble. But Jesus paid no attention to their grumbling.

Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus whole-heartedly and he said to Jesus: "Lord, here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus answered.

"Zacchaeus! Today, salvation has come to this house. The reason I have come is to seek and to save what was lost."

Zacchaeus became a completely new person after meeting Jesus.





Activity 1.

Please help Zacchaeus meet Jesus.

1. Color the sycamore-fig tree and make a hole at the bottom.
2. Cut out and glue Zacchaeus on an ice cream stick.
3. Help Zacchaeus get up and down from the sycamore-fig tree.



Materials :
Scissors, colored
pencils, Ice cream
stick, glue

finished image



Activity 2. Answer the following questions.

a. What did Zacchaeus go up to see Jesus?

b. Please fill in the blanks to complete what Jesus said to Zacchaeus:

----- said to Zacchaeus, "Today ----- has come to your ----- . You are a member of ----- family line. The ----- Son of Man came to look for the ----- and ----- them."

c. Read Luke 19:1-10 and answer: What did Zacchaeus say about his property after meeting Jesus?

● Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Luke 19:10)

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