

Jesus Loves Zacchaeus

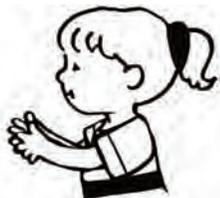
Luke 19:1-10



Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Luke 19. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 42 pictures.

What would you do if you had lots of money? Let's listen to hear about a man who had lots of money.



Zacchaeus had a LOT of money. He had a lot of money because he took money that did NOT belong to him!

Zacchaeus had done many wrong things by **taking** this money. People did not like him because of all the times he had taken money that was not his.



One day Jesus came to the town where Zacchaeus lived. *I want to go see Jesus*, he decided. Off he hurried to the road where Jesus was walking.

A large crowd of people had come to see Jesus. So when Zacchaeus got there, he **couldn't see** Jesus! Zacchaeus was very short. Even on tiptoe he could not see over the crowd of people.



But then Zacchaeus had an idea. He ran to a big tree. And he climbed up-up-UP the tree. Now he could see over all the people!

Zacchaeus could see Jesus. Jesus came closer and closer—until Jesus was right under the tree! Jesus stopped and looked **up** at Zacchaeus.

“Come down, Zacchaeus,” said Jesus. “I want to stay at your house today.” Zacchaeus climbed down-down-down from that tree. He was surprised that Jesus talked to him! But Zacchaeus was very glad to have Jesus come to his house.



Jesus loves me! Zacchaeus must have thought. He thought about the wrong things he had done. He thought about the money he had wrongly taken away from people. Zacchaeus told Jesus he wanted to give back the money he had taken. And he wanted to give money to the poor people, too! Zacchaeus had learned to love Jesus. Jesus was not angry at him, even though Zacchaeus had done wrong things. Jesus was kind and forgiving to him.



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Spring Unit 1:
Jesus Helps Me

Bible Verse:
“Great is our Lord and mighty in power.”
Psalm 147:5

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
I can ask Jesus for help because of His great power.



Follow the maze through the tree.



Jesus loved Zacchaeus, even though Zacchaeus had done wrong things. Jesus loves us, too, even when we do wrong. The Bible says, "You are kind and forgiving, O Lord." (See Psalm 86:5.)



Look for another way through the tree.