Zacchaeus

Luke 19

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief *tax collector* and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see Him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly.

All the **people** saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today *salvation* has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the *Son of Man* came to seek and to save what was lost."

Explanatory Notes

Tax collectors were hated by most people because many of them were dishonest.

The self-righteous, judgmental **people**, especially the teachers of the Law and Pharisees.

Jesus very often showed Himself as the Friend of *sinners*, joyfully accepting them as people of God if they were truly sorry for what they had done. The scribes and Pharisees objected to this mercy of Jesus.

salvation = Great blessing through the forgiveness of sins.

Son of Man = Jesus

Reflection Questions:

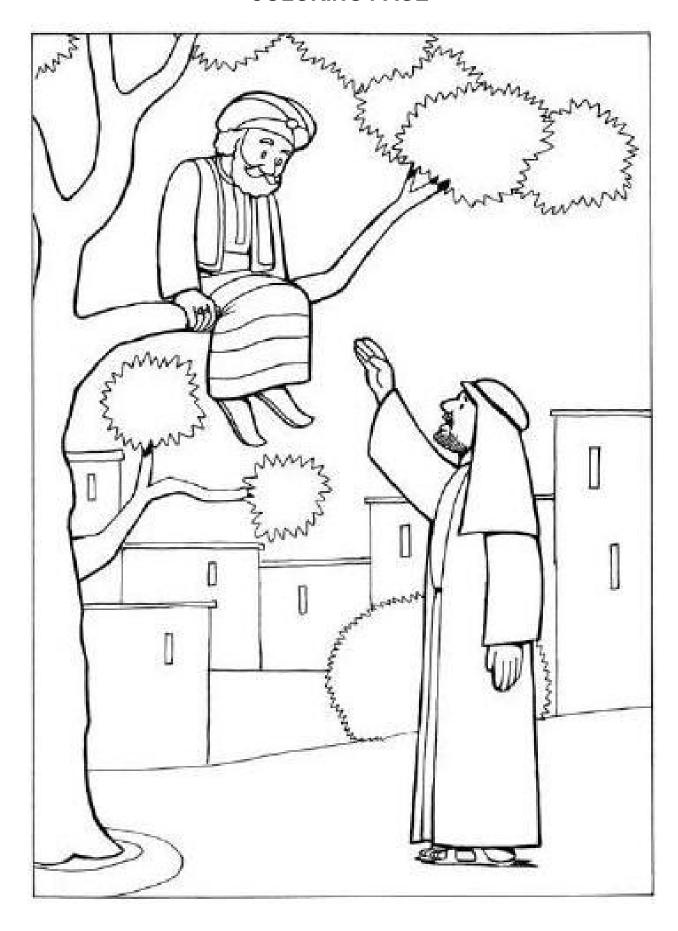
- 1. What do we know about Zacchaeus?
- 2. How did Zacchaeus show that he had become a follower of Jesus?
- 3. How do you know that Jesus came to earth to save you?

Words to Remember

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."
1 Timothy 1:15

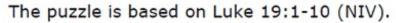


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Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

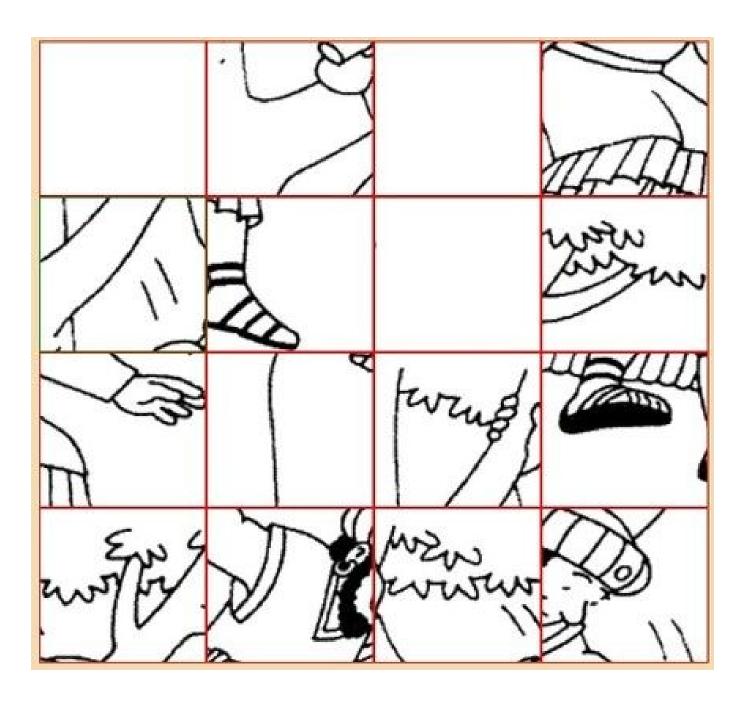
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COME	POOR	SINNER	GUEST	SHORT



ZACCHAEUS PUZZLE...

Cut the pieces apart and reassemble to form a picture from the Bible Story.

Should look like this when done:

