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Luke 19:1-10

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¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.

⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He

has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’”

⁸But 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.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was Zacchaeus' problem in the story?
5		2.) Why were people upset that Jesus was going to eat at Zacchaeus' house?
5		3.) What did Zacchaeus do as a result of meeting Jesus?
5		4.) Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to give back more than he needed to?

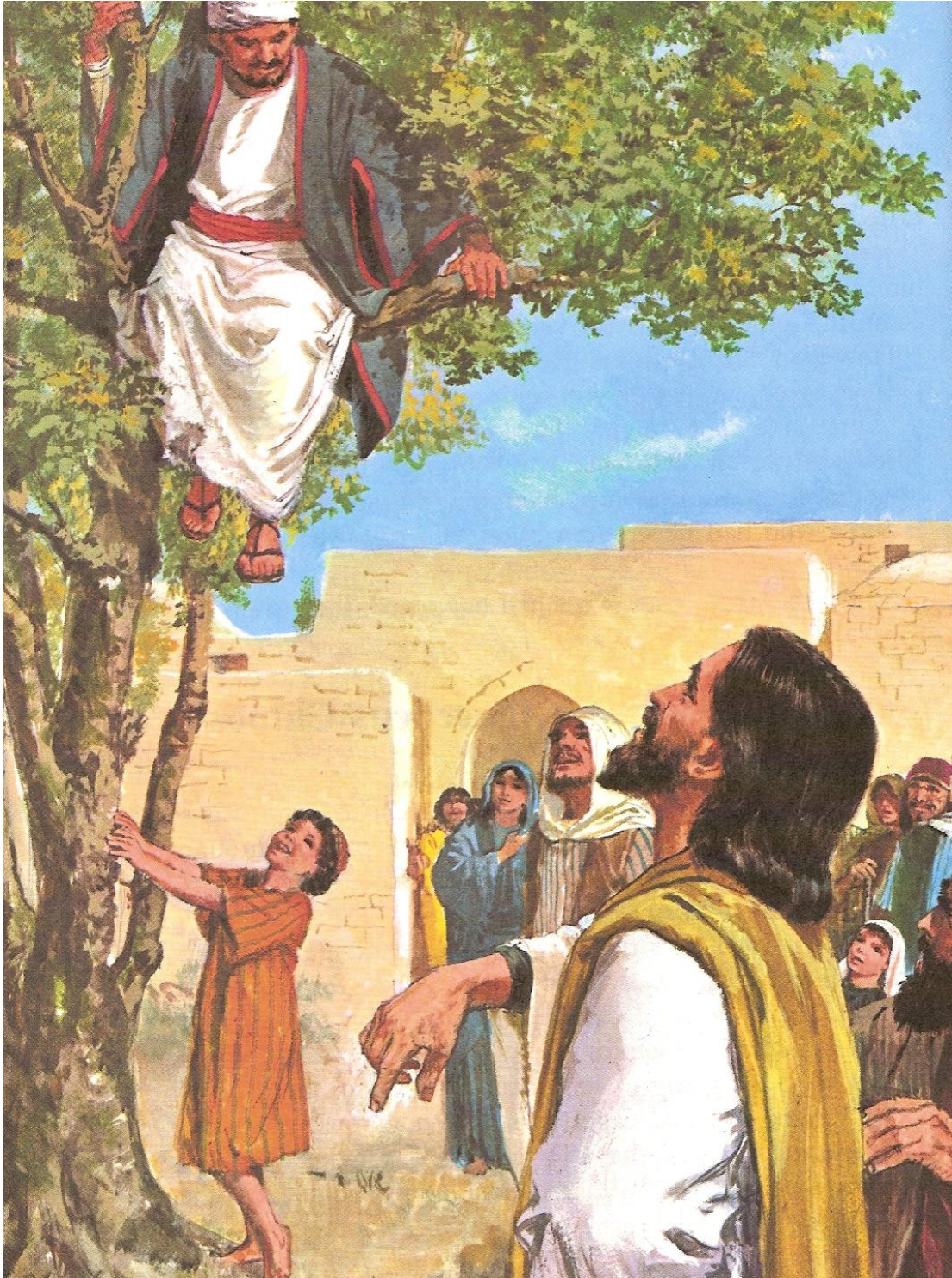
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“...There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 15:10</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see Jesus

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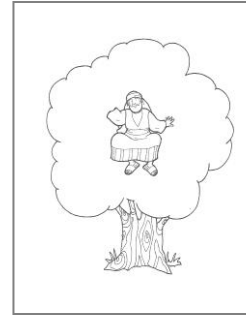
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: TREES

Students will make a tree with Zacchaeus sitting in it to remind them that Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus as he traveled by.

MATERIALS

1. Blue Construction Paper
2. Tree Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Glue
5. Scissors
6. Pencils
7. Green Tissue Squares (1" x 1")



DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the tree pattern for each student.
2. Have students color the tree and Zacchaeus with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Allow students to cut out the tree and glue it to the center of a blue piece of construction paper.
4. Students will wrap a green tissue square around the eraser end of a pencil and dip it into glue.
5. Using the eraser, students will glue the tissue squares to the tree to represent leaves.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their trees, remind them that Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so badly that he climbed a tree. Being in the presence of Jesus caused a transformation in his heart. So changed, he gave half of his possessions to the poor and paid back anyone he had cheated four times the amount.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

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TREE PATTERN

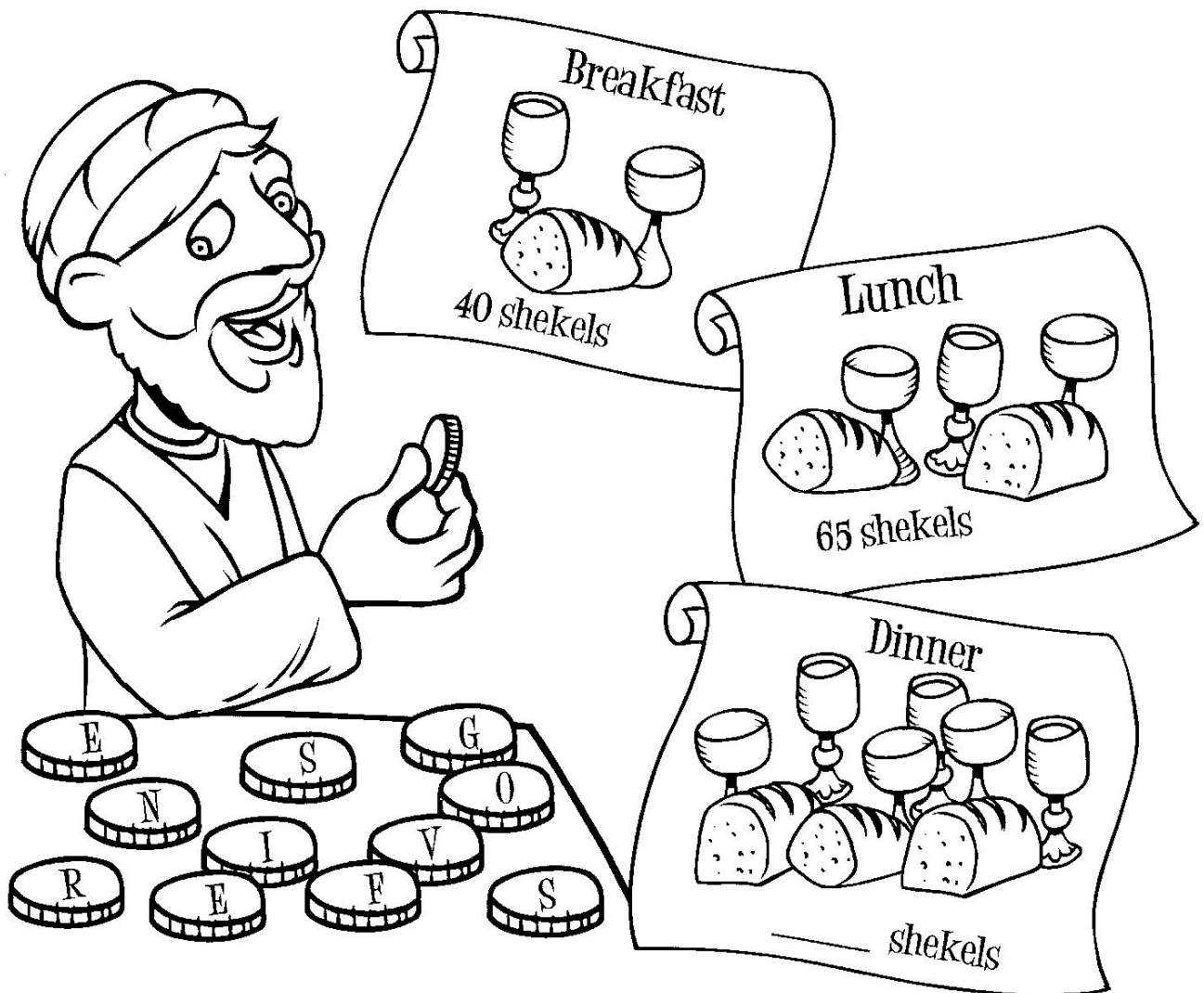


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The Challenge

Unscramble the letters on Zacchaeus's coins to find a word that tells a way God shows love for us. Write the letters on the blank lines. (Hint: It's something Zacchaeus experienced!)



The Super Challenge

Zacchaeus bought 2 goblets of water and a loaf of bread for breakfast. He paid 40 shekels. At lunchtime he bought 3 goblets of water and 2 loaves of bread. Lunch cost him 65 shekels.

How much did a goblet of water cost? _____

How much did he pay for dinner? _____

THE BIBLE TIMES HERALD

A SPECIAL REPORT ON LUKE 19:1-10

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Jesus was passing through Jericho when he saw a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a tax collector who wanted to see Jesus as he passed by.

Because he was a short man, he climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see Jesus.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So Zacchaeus came down and welcomed Jesus into his home.

The people watching began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’”

Zacchaeus said to Jesus, “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 Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has come to this house. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

For additional details about this story, please read Luke 19:1-10 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Zacchaeus’ problem in the story?
2. Why were people upset that Jesus was going to eat at Zacchaeus’ house?
3. What did Zacchaeus do as a result of meeting Jesus?
4. Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to give back more than he needed to?

MEMORY VERSE

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FINISH THE PICTURE



Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus. Jesus knew Zacchaeus needed forgiveness.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Encourage your child to ask for forgiveness when he/she sins.

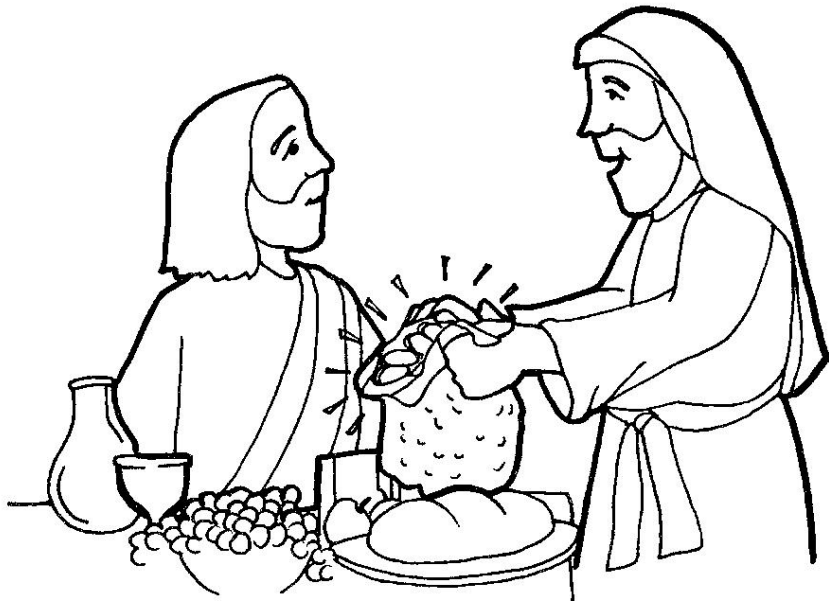
Bible Story Mini Book

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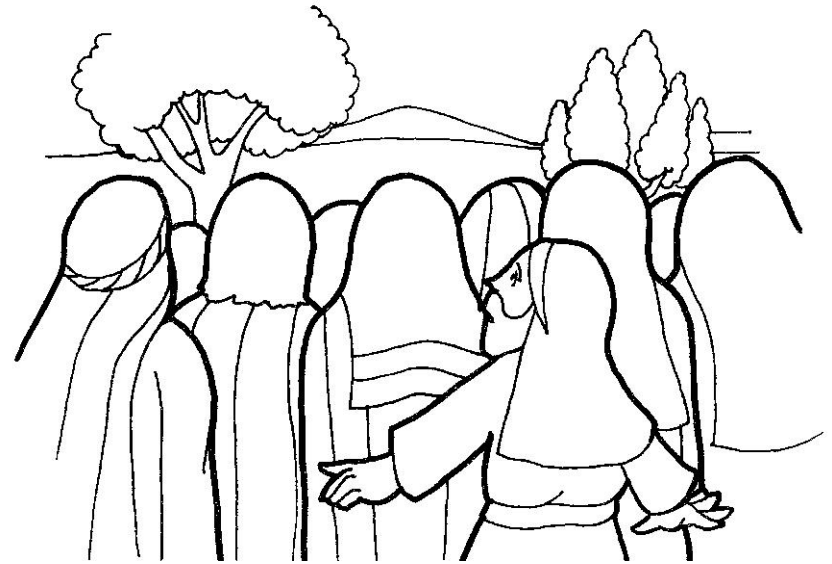


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Zacchaeus realized he was a sinner. He decided to give half his money to the poor.



Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus when he came to town, but he was too short.

Memory Verse

“...there is rejoicing...over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:10

Bible Story Rhyme

Zacchaeus wasn't very tall,

(Hand out as if touching Zacchaeus on the head)

He couldn't see above them all.

(Pretend to shield your eyes from the sun while looking around)

So, he climbed up in a tree,

(Pretend to climb a tree)

It was Jesus he could see!

(Touch your right pointer finger to your left palm and then your left pointer finger to your right palm)



**Zacchaeus climbed up in
a tree to see Jesus.**

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



Jesus stopped and told
Zacchaeus to come down.
Jesus wanted go to
Zacchaeus' house.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: A chair or a stool and photocopies of enough small hand-drawn tree-pictures to give one to each student. Color one tree, and leave the rest uncolored.

Take this game about Zacchaeus outdoors for extra fun.

Say: Jesus was walking through a town one day when he noticed a man sitting up in a tree. The man's name was Zacchaeus, and because he was short, he had climbed into the tree to see Jesus. Jesus called out to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down! I must stay at your house today."

Have the children form a circle. Set a chair or a stool in the middle of the circle. Hand out the tree pictures. The child holding the colored tree gets to be Zacchaeus and sit on the chair in the middle.

Say: **We're going to hold hands and move around in a circle.** Teach the children this song to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?":

Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus,

Please come down, please come down.

Jesus wants to see you, Jesus wants to see you.

Please come down, please come down.

Have Zacchaeus "come down" from the stool and select another child to sit in the center. Repeat the game until all the children have had the opportunity to be Zacchaeus. If you have an outdoor playground available to you, have Zacchaeus climb to the top of the slide or the jungle gym. The class can circle around the play equipment, but be sure to carefully supervise for safety.

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