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JESUS
AND
ZACCHEUS



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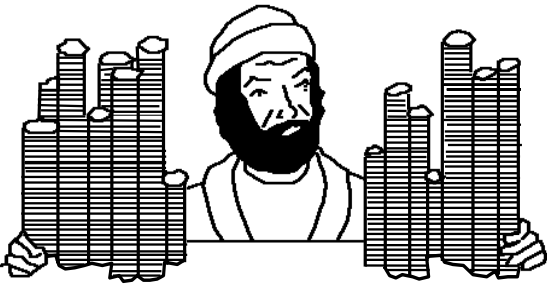
One day,
Jesus
passed
through
Jericho.
This city
had been
destroyed
by Joshua
long ago.

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Now it
was rebuilt
and many
people
lived
there.
Among
them was
a man
named
Zaccheus.

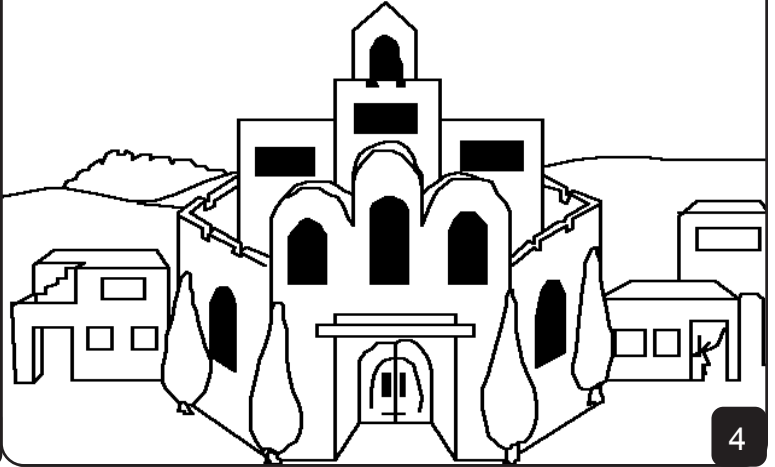
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Probably the other people in Jericho did not like Zaccheus very much because he collected tax money from them. Zaccheus sent some of the money to the government - but kept a lot for himself.

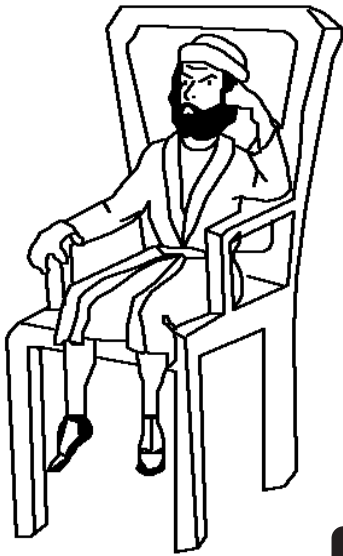
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Being a tax collector made Zaccheus very rich. His house may have been the **BIGGEST** and the **BEST** in the block.

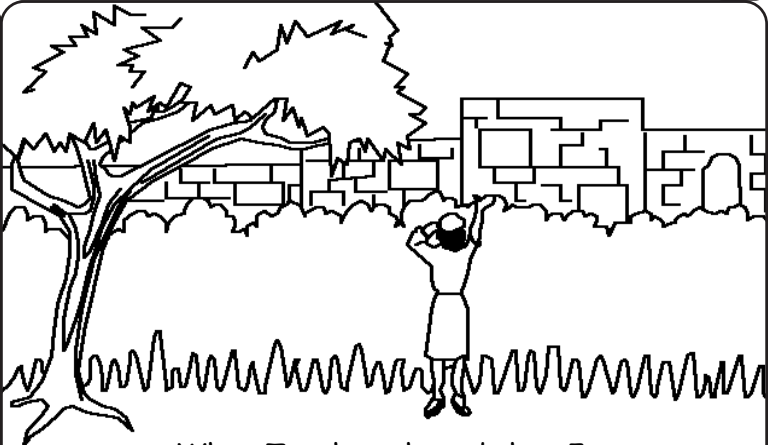


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But he was also very short - not short of money, but short of height. Zaccheus had never grown as tall as other people.

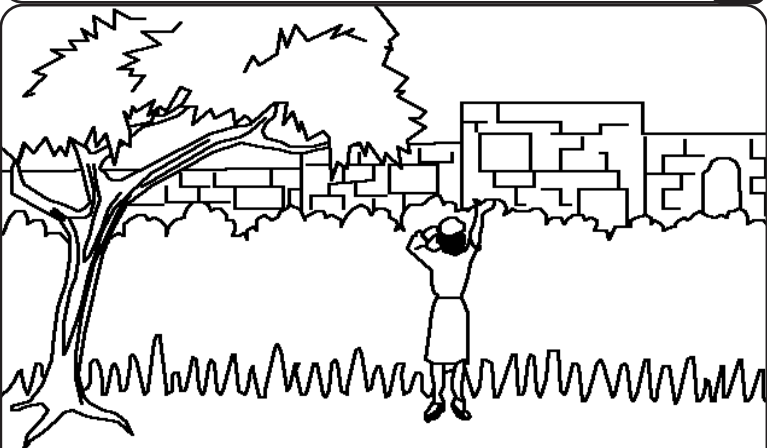


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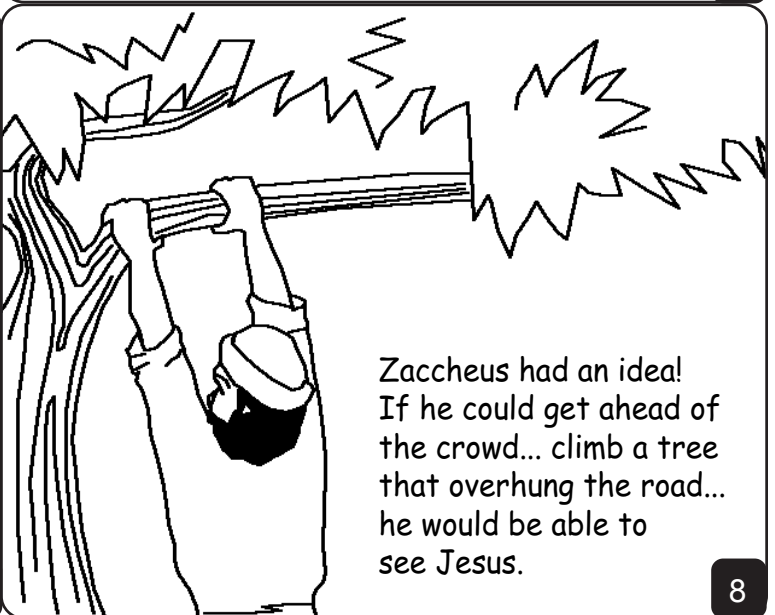
When Zaccheus heard that Jesus was in Jericho, the little tax collector wanted to see the Man from Nazareth Who claimed to be God's Son.

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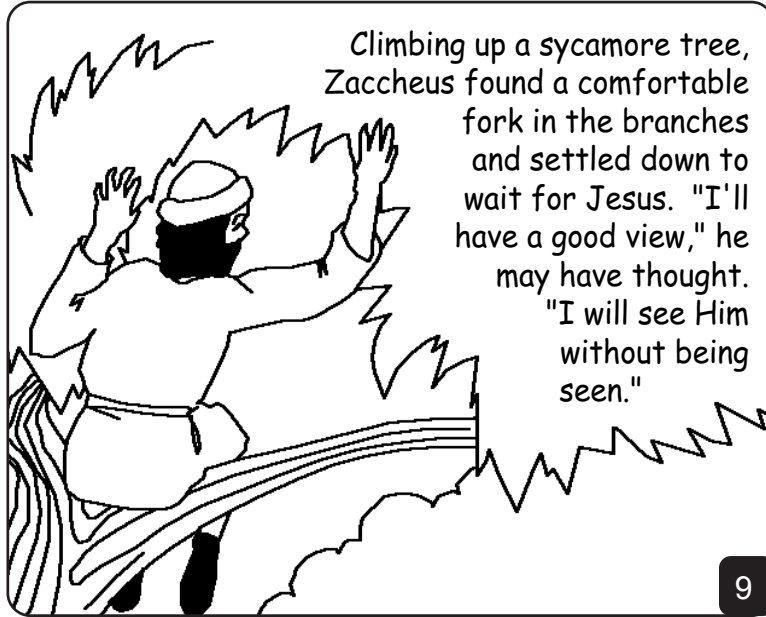
But the crowds were thick ... the people tall.

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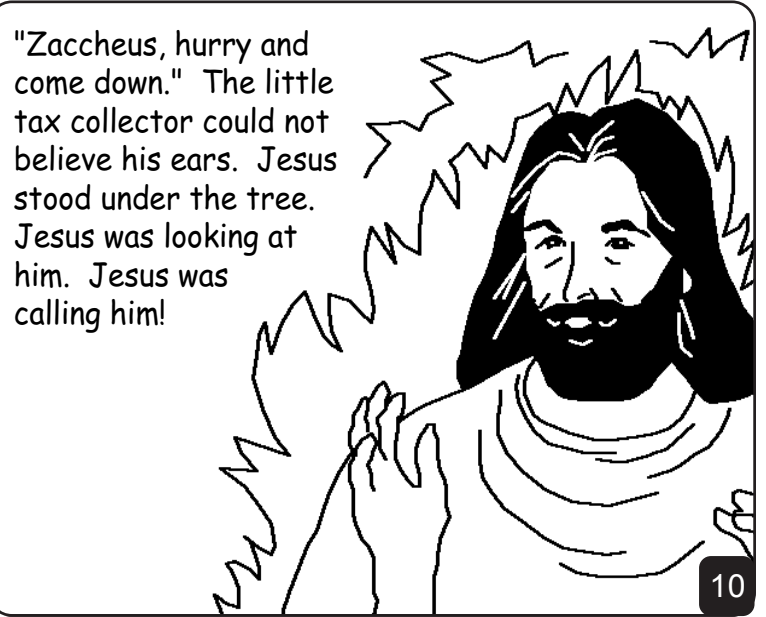
Zaccheus had an idea! If he could get ahead of the crowd... climb a tree that overhung the road... he would be able to see Jesus.

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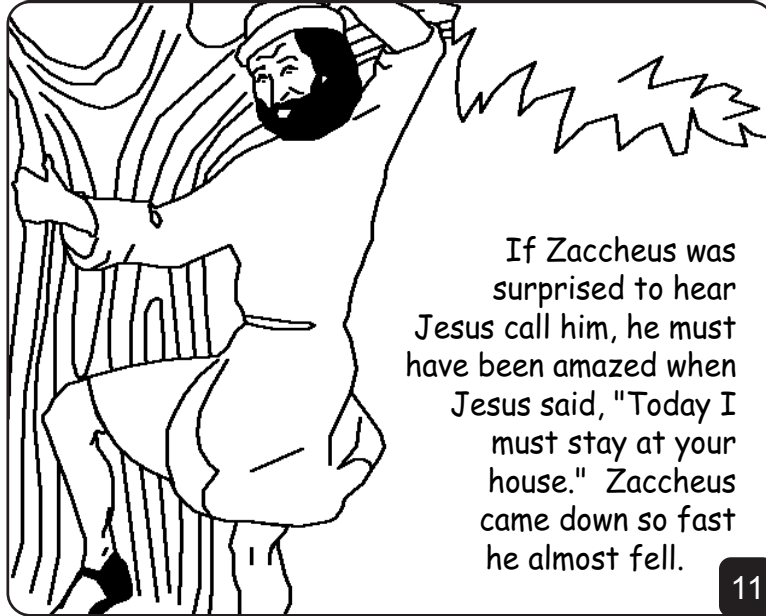
Climbing up a sycamore tree, Zaccheus found a comfortable fork in the branches and settled down to wait for Jesus. "I'll have a good view," he may have thought. "I will see Him without being seen."

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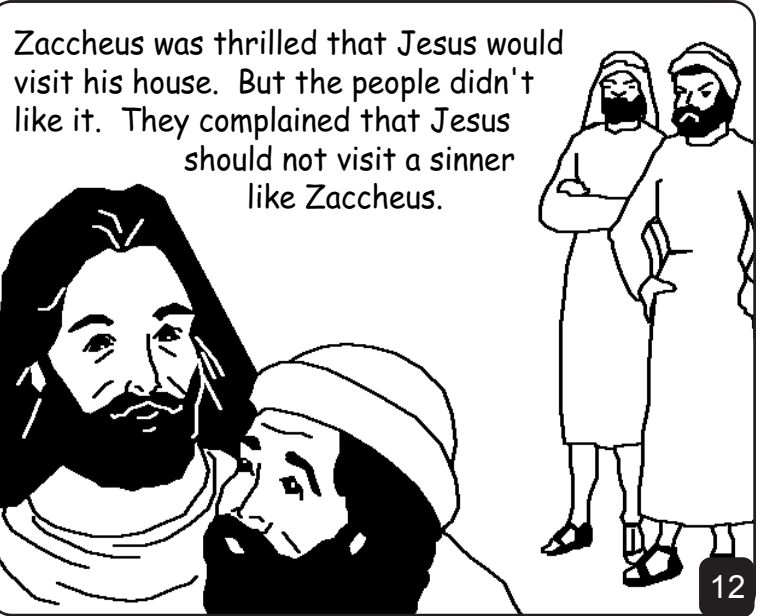
"Zaccheus, hurry and come down." The little tax collector could not believe his ears. Jesus stood under the tree. Jesus was looking at him. Jesus was calling him!

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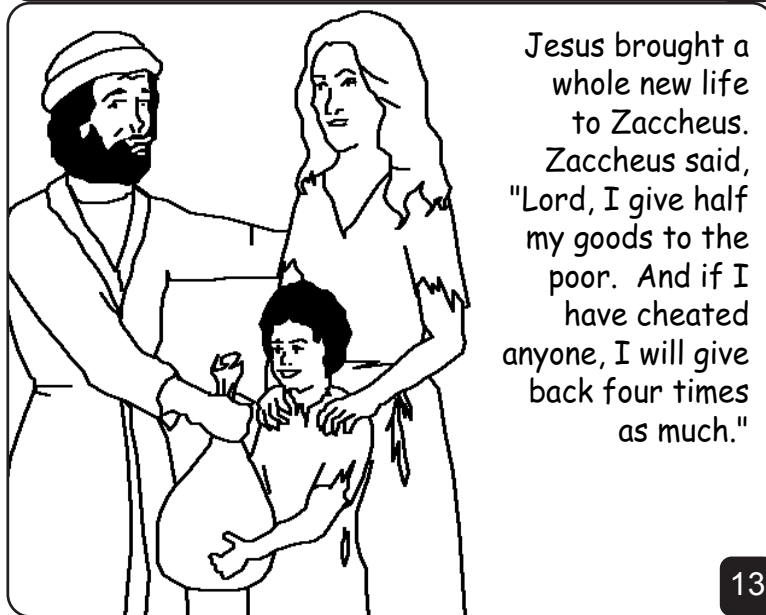
If Zaccheus was surprised to hear Jesus call him, he must have been amazed when Jesus said, "Today I must stay at your house." Zaccheus came down so fast he almost fell.

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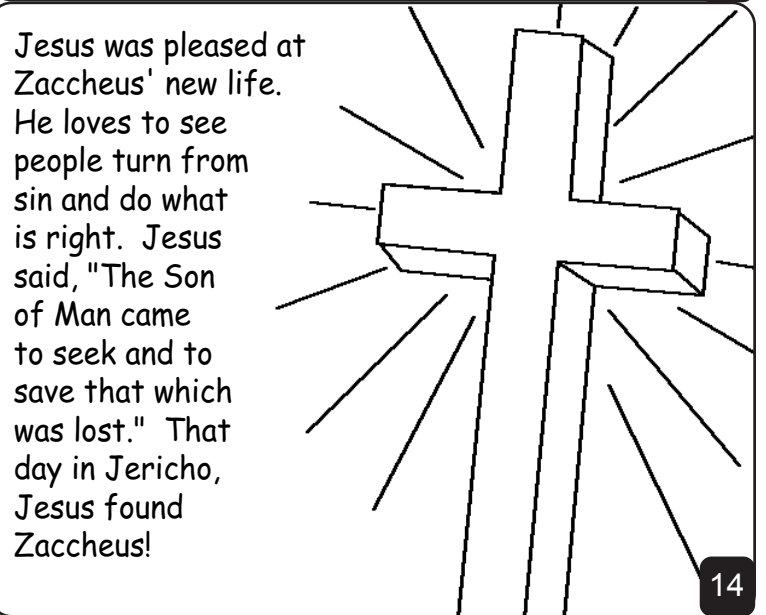
Zaccheus was thrilled that Jesus would visit his house. But the people didn't like it. They complained that Jesus should not visit a sinner like Zaccheus.

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Jesus brought a whole new life to Zaccheus. Zaccheus said, "Lord, I give half my goods to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I will give back four times as much."

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Jesus was pleased at Zaccheus' new life. He loves to see people turn from sin and do what is right. Jesus said, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." That day in Jericho, Jesus found Zaccheus!

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Jesus and Zaccheus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Luke 19

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."
Psalm 119:130

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The penalty for sin is death.

God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and pay our penalty.

Jesus came alive and went back to Heaven!
Now God can forgive our sins.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God: Dear God, I believe Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so I can have new life now, and then be with You forever. Help me live for You as Your child. Amen. John 3:16

Read the Bible and talk to God every day!