

# Zacchaeus Bible Story Song

Where is Zacchaeus? **Where is Zacchaeus?** (*Look all around*)  
Where is he? **Where is he?** (*Turn your hands palm upwards*)  
Look up in the tree! **Look up in the tree!** (*Point upwards*)  
Trying to see. **Trying to see.** (*Pretend to look through 'binoculars'*)

Here comes Jesus. **Here comes Jesus.** (*Gesture with your hand*)  
Stops by the tree. **Stops by the tree.** (*Stand straight; hands by your sides*)  
Calls up to Zacchaeus, **Calls up to Zacchaeus,** (*Hold hand to mouth*)  
'Come, eat with me.' **'Come, eat with me.'** (*Pretend to eat*)

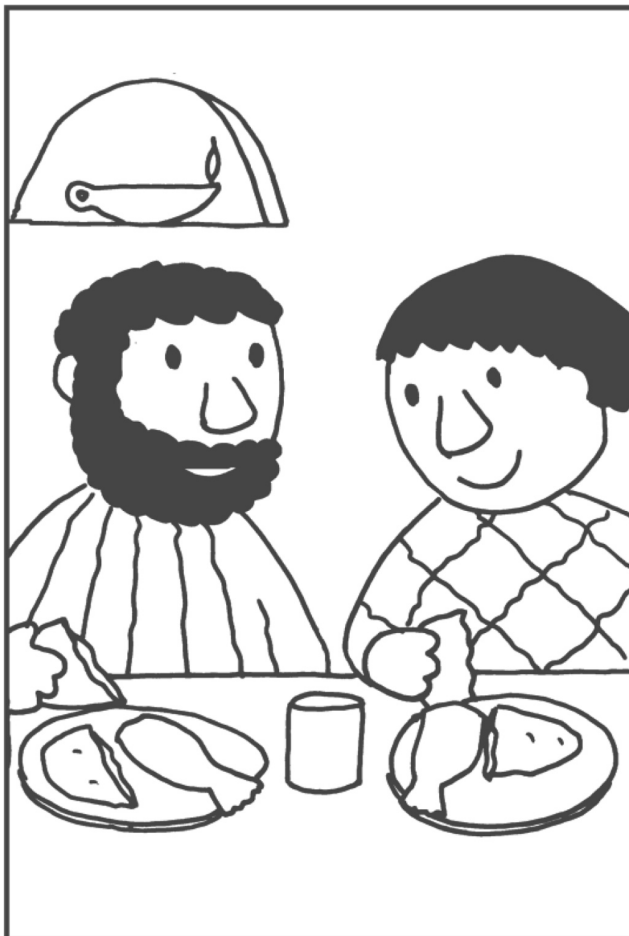
Zacchaeus climbs down, **Zacchaeus climbs down,**  
Carefully. **Carefully.** (*Mime slowly climbing down a tree*)  
Jesus says to Zacchaeus, **Jesus says to Zacchaeus,** (*Touch your lips*)  
'Be friends with me.' **'Be friends with me.'** (*Point to yourself*)

'Yes,' says Zacchaeus, **'Yes,' says Zacchaeus,** (*Nod your head*)  
Happily. **Happily.** (*Smile*)  
Zacchaeus and Jesus, **Zacchaeus and Jesus,**  
Are friends, you see. **Are friends, you see.** (*Arms crossed over your chest*)

1. Who wrote this story in the Bible for us to read? (Luke.)
2. What town was Jesus passing through? (Jericho.)
3. What was the name of the man who wanted to see Jesus? (Zacchaeus.)
4. What two things meant that Zacchaeus couldn't see Jesus? (He was short. There was a crowd.)
5. What did Zacchaeus do? (He climbed a tree.)
6. What kind of tree was it? (A sycamore tree.)
7. What did Jesus do when he got to the tree? (He looked up and talked to Zacchaeus.)
8. What did Jesus say? ('Hurry down, Zacchaeus, because I must stay in your house today.')
9. How do you think Jesus knew Zacchaeus' name? (Because Jesus knows all about us.)
10. What did Zacchaeus do? (He hurried down.)
11. How did Zacchaeus feel? (Happy – '... and welcomed him with great joy.' – v 6)
12. What did all the people do? (They started grumbling.)
13. What did they call Zacchaeus? (A sinner.)
14. What is a sinner? (Someone who doesn't obey God and live his way.)
15. Why do you think they called Zacchaeus a sinner? In his job as a tax collector, what might he have done? (He probably cheated other people and took too much money from them.)
16. How do we know that Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house changed Zacchaeus? (He gave to the poor and paid everyone back four times as much.)
17. Who did Jesus say he had come to seek and to save? (The lost.)
18. How was Zacchaeus 'lost'? (He had turned away from God and sinned.)
19. What did Jesus save, or rescue, Zacchaeus from? (His sins.)
20. How did Jesus do that? (By forgiving him, and helping him to start again and live God's way.)

# Zacchaeus Bible Story Match

Ref 2.08



# Zacchaeus Act It Out

Ref 2.09

Jesus was coming to town! Everybody was excited! The people chattered about Jesus and how amazing he was. They flocked into the streets.

Zaccheus listened to them talking. But no one talked to him about Jesus. They turned their backs on him and left him out in the cold.

Zaccheus was a tax collector and they knew he stole from them. Someone like that wouldn't be interested in Jesus. And Jesus certainly wouldn't be interested in him!

Zaccheus spoke to his friends the tax collectors.

"It would be interesting to see Jesus," he said casually.

"What would this Jesus want with us?" laughed his friends. "He's interested in good people and sick people....not us!"

But Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus.

He went to the crowd, but they still wouldn't let him in.

Zaccheus was frustrated! He desperately wanted to see Jesus.

And then he had an idea. He ran ahead down the street and, making sure no one could see him, quickly climbed into a tree. It was a sycamore tree and the thick branches completely hid him.

And he was lucky! Jesus continued to walk down the road. Zaccheus saw him heal a man. He saw the man's delighted face. He saw the disciples following, the children waving and holding their sticky hands out for Jesus to touch.

And suddenly Jesus stopped right underneath the tree.

"Aha," thought Zaccheus, "Perfect spot!"

But Jesus looked into the tree and said, as if he had known Zaccheus for years, "Ah, Zaccheus! There you are! Come on down, man, I'm having tea with you today!"

The crowd were horrified, "Tea with Zaccheus? That sinner? He surely doesn't know what an awful man Zaccheus is! He ought to come to our house instead... Thought Jesus would have known better!"

The disciples, who were used to Jesus' ways by now, grinned at each other, "We'll get good food there!" they murmured to each other, for Zaccheus could afford the best and it was nice to have the best sometimes!

As for Zaccheus he was amazed! He scrambled down the tree and stood next to Jesus, somewhat dishevelled, panting a little for he was too old to climb trees really. As he looked at Jesus he felt amazed and then, just as quickly, ashamed.

But Jesus smiled at him.



"Master," Zaccheus blurted out, "I'm going to give half of my goods to the poor. And those people I've stolen from... well I'll pay them back! Four times as much!"

The crowd were silent and then they cheered, because all of them had been stolen from at one point or another. They waved as Jesus, Zaccheus and the disciples went into the large house. Several of Zaccheus's friends came too, to listen to Jesus and to be changed by his message.

As Jesus hugged Zaccheus goodbye he said, loudly enough for everyone to hear, "Zaccheus, today you have been saved! Your family has been saved! For you are also a son of Abraham, one of my chosen people!"

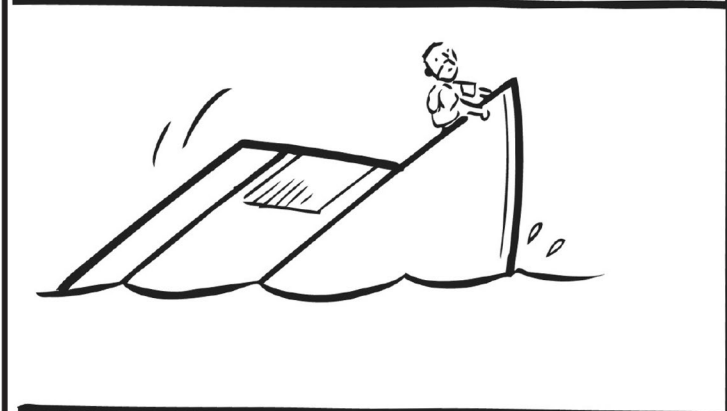
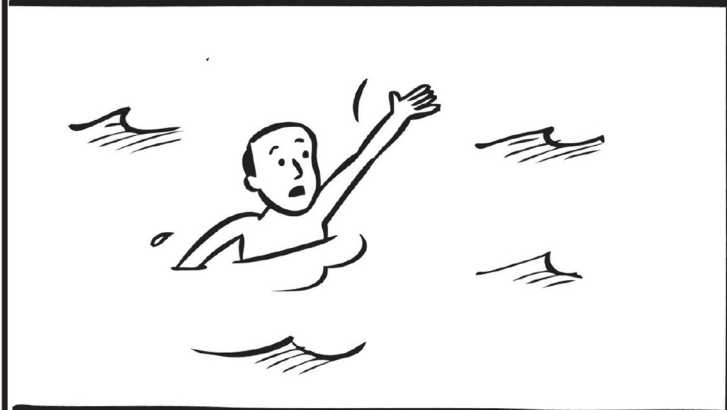
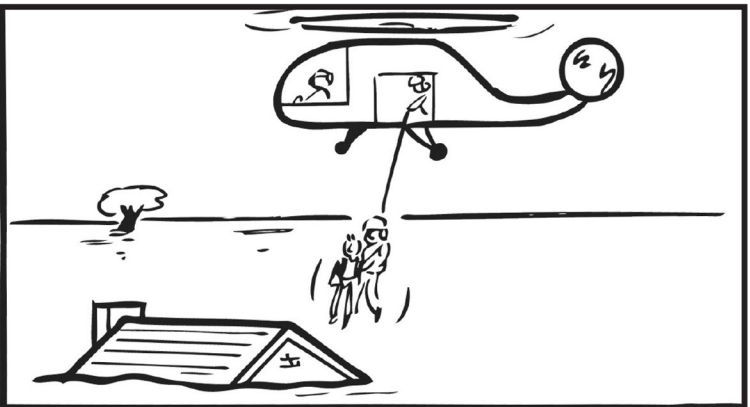
# Zacchaeus Lost Feelings

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# 'Before and After' Matching

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# Can Jesus bring these people back to God?

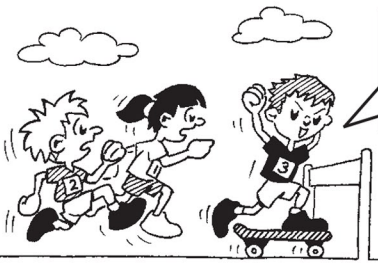
We all do things which God doesn't like. Do you do any of the things in the pictures?

Does this mean that Jesus can't bring you back to God? Follow the lines to see who Jesus can bring close to God.



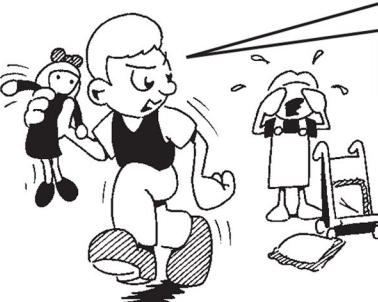
Can Jesus bring me close to God?

People who fight



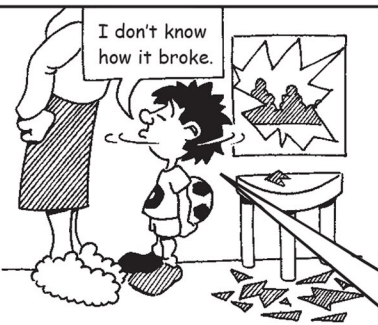
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People who cheat



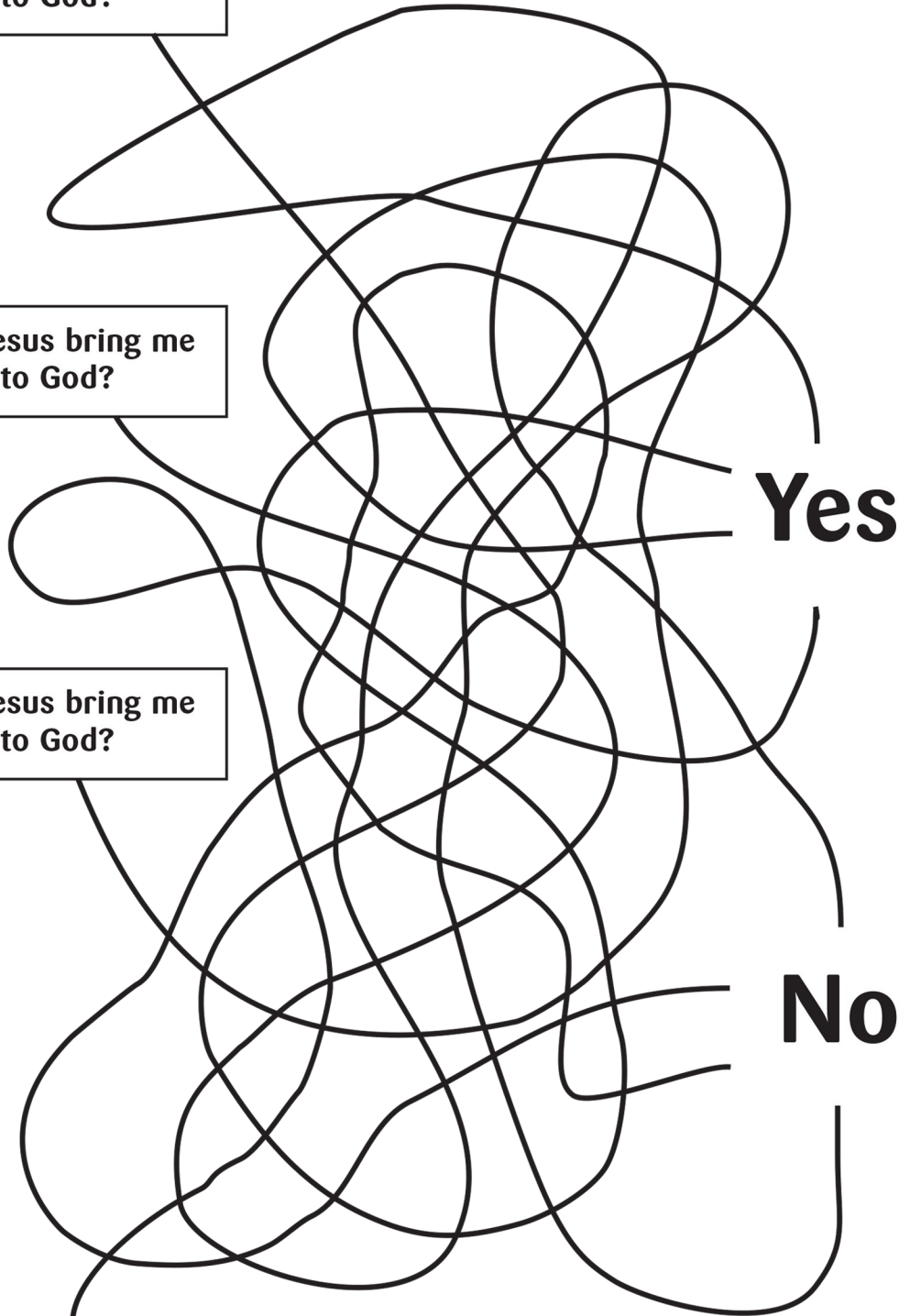
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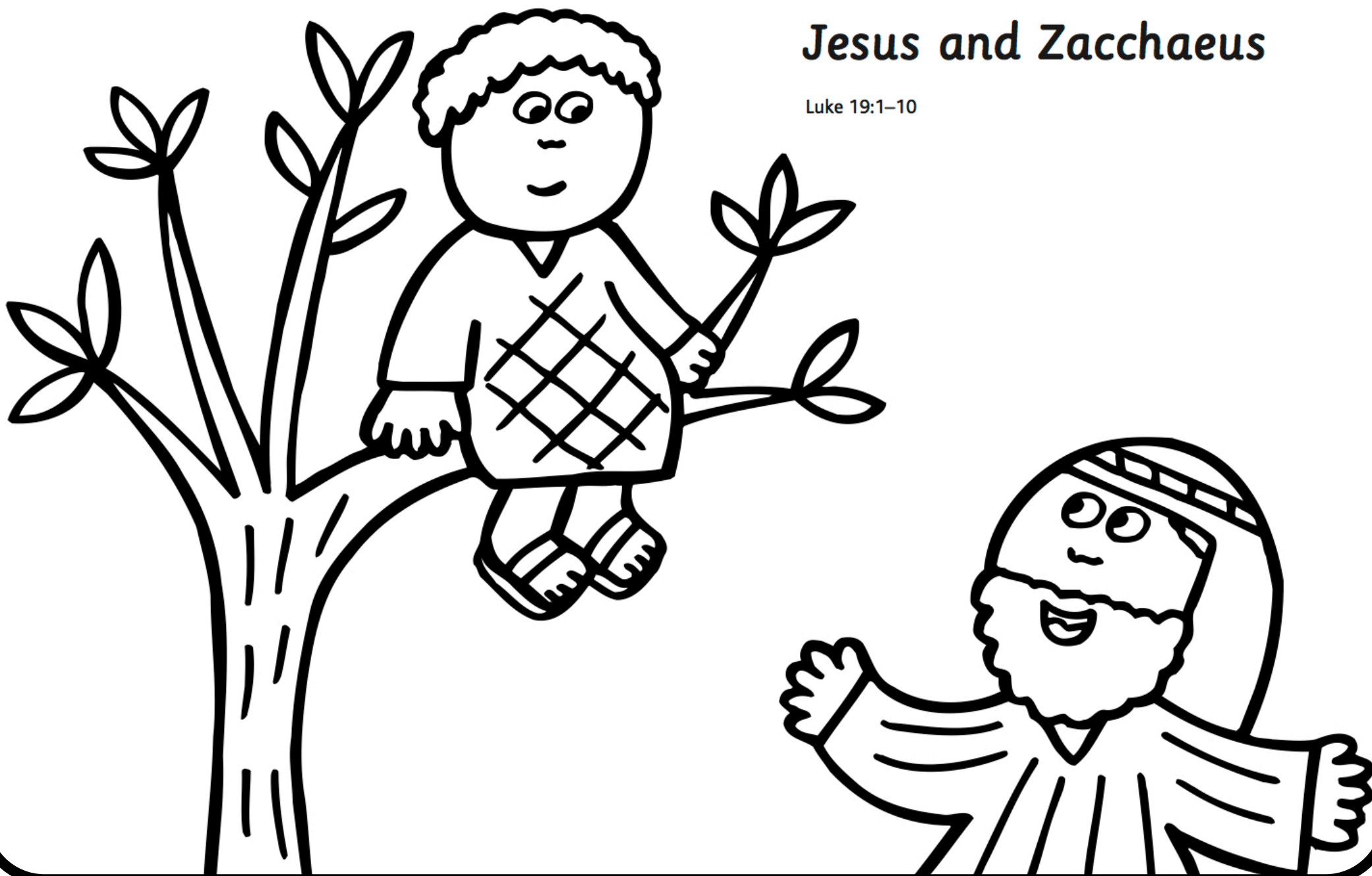
People who lie





# Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10





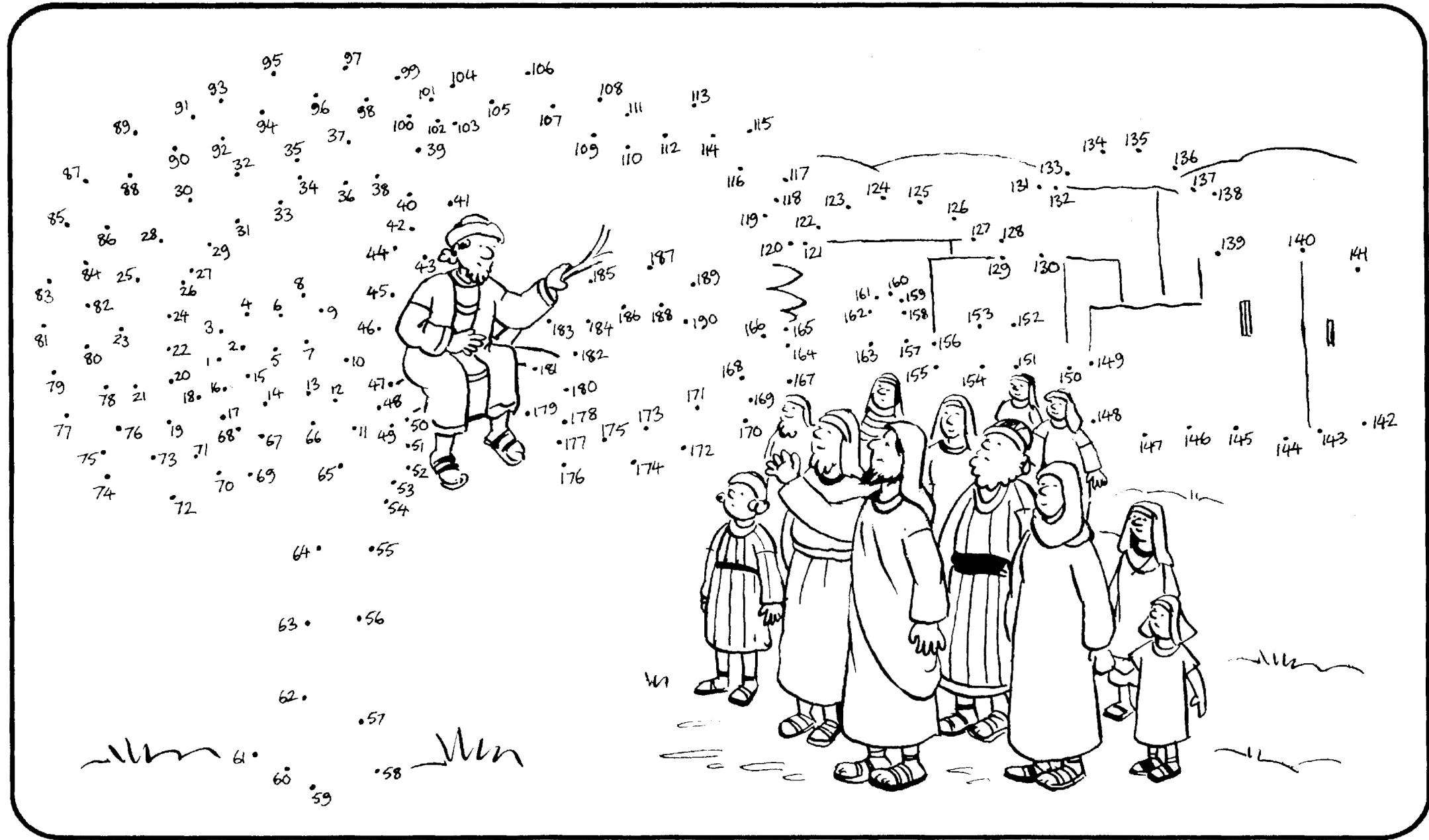
# Zacchaeus Wordsearch

Can you find the following 24 words from the story of Zacchaeus?

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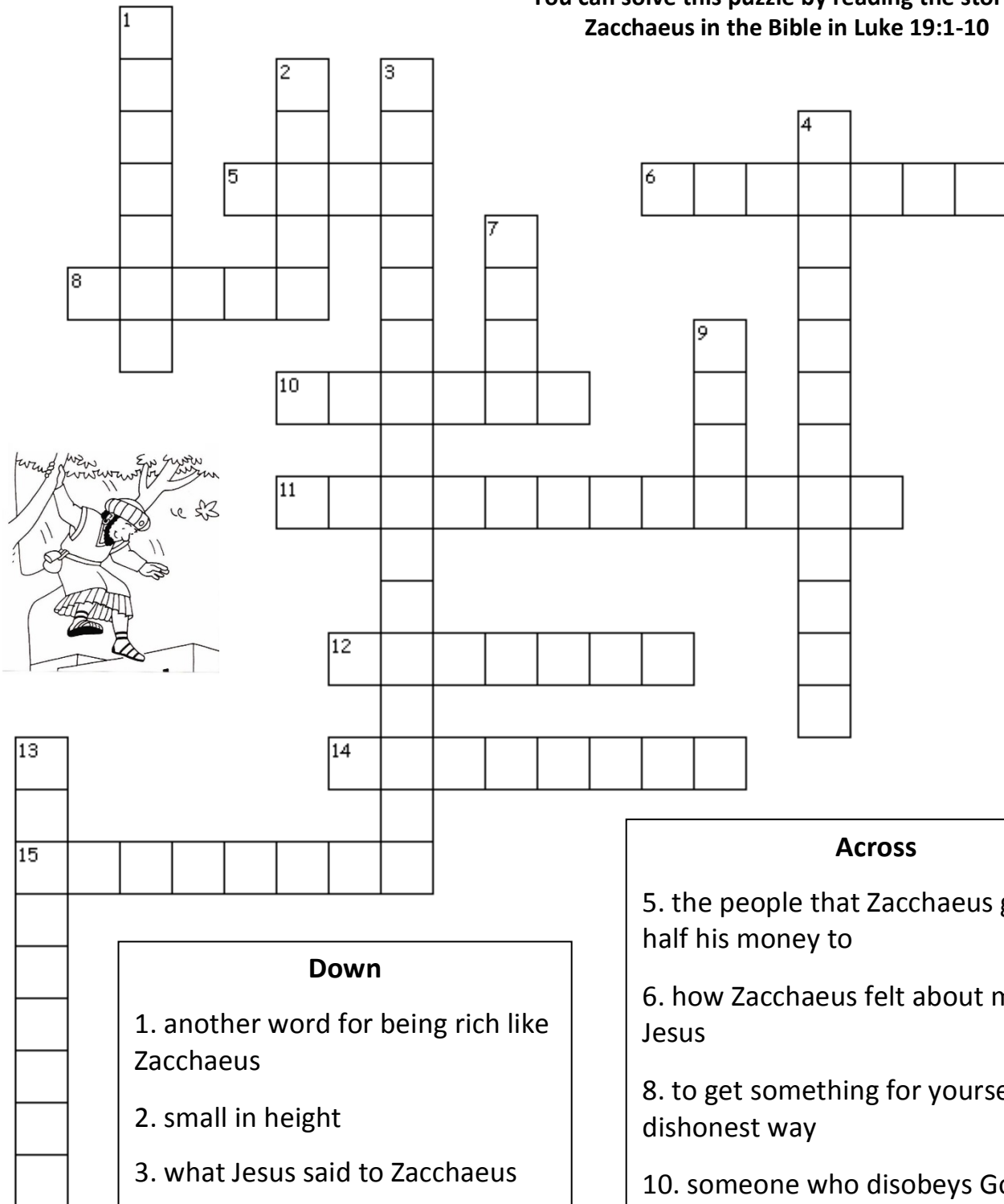


**Join up the dots.** What did Zacchaeus climb to have a good view of Jesus?



# Jesus meets Zacchaeus

You can solve this puzzle by reading the story of Zacchaeus in the Bible in Luke 19:1-10



## Down

1. another word for being rich like Zacchaeus
2. small in height
3. what Jesus said to Zacchaeus
4. the job that Zacchaeus did
7. to rescue someone, set them free from sin
9. to be unable to find your way
13. the little man who climbed a tree to see Jesus

## Across

5. the people that Zacchaeus gave half his money to
6. how Zacchaeus felt about meeting Jesus
8. to get something for yourself in a dishonest way
10. someone who disobeys God's laws
11. the plant that Zacchaeus climbed to see Jesus
12. town where Jesus met Zacchaeus
14. the name that Jesus gives himself
15. another word for grumble

## Missing Words

### Luke 19:1-10

Read the Bible Passage in a children's bible and fill in the missing words.

Jesus was going through the city of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

In Jericho there was a man named \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

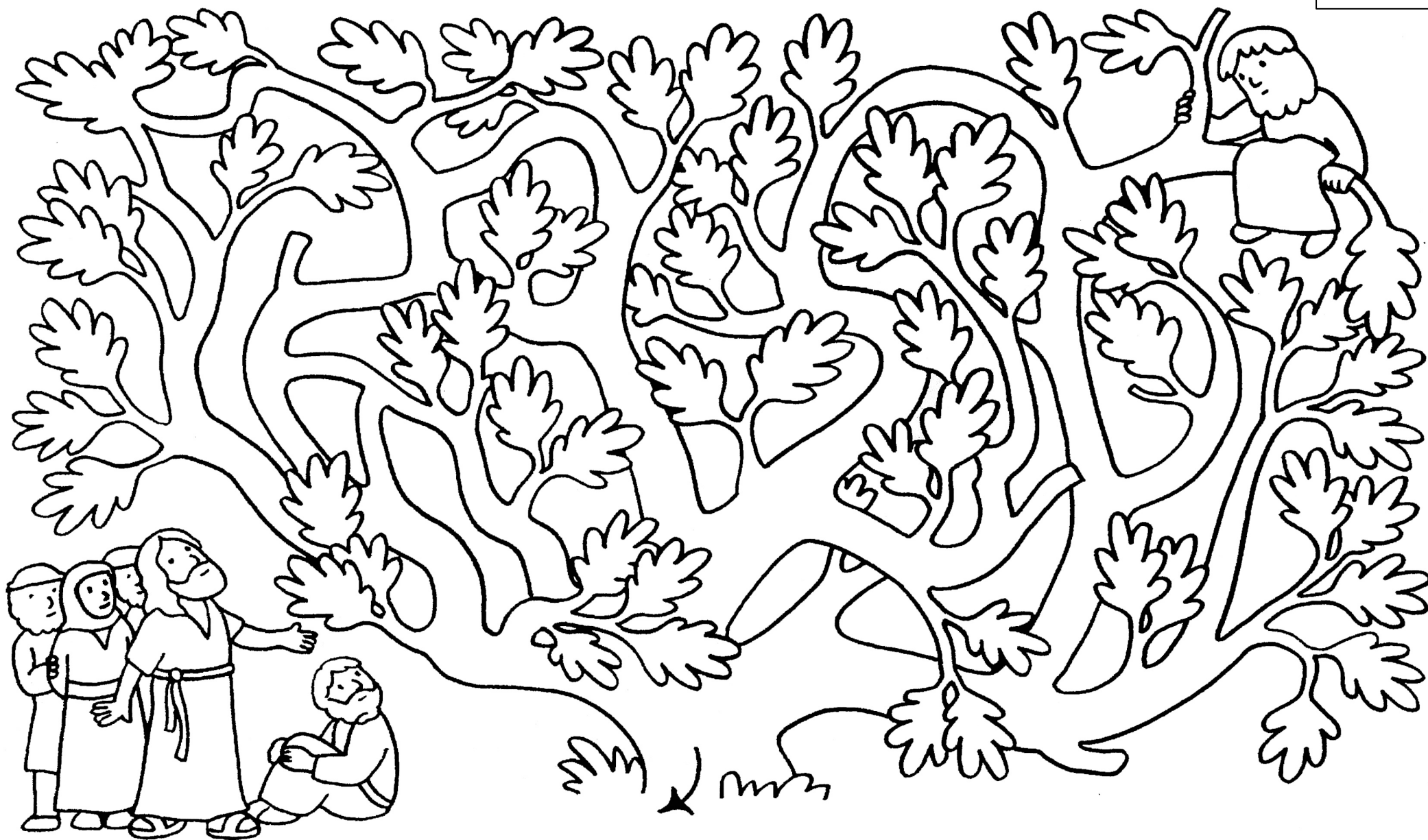
He was a wealthy, very important \_ \_ \_ collector. He wanted to see who \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ was, but he was too \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to see above the crowd. He ran ahead to a place where he knew Jesus would be passing. He climbed a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ tree so he could see Jesus.

When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and saw Zacchaeus in the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . He said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ down! I must stay at your house today."

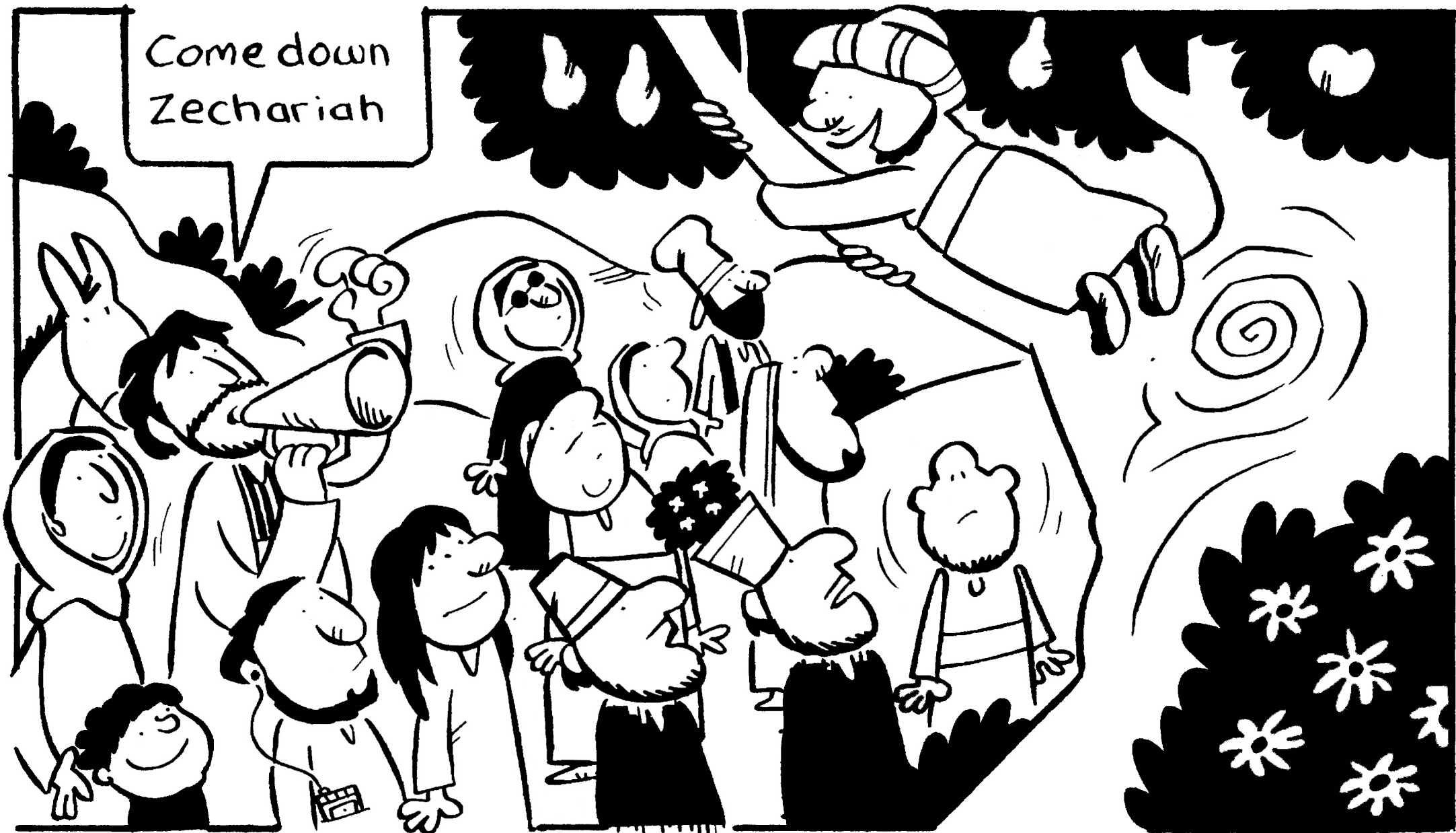
Zacchaeus came down quickly. He was pleased to have Jesus in his house. All the people saw this and began to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . "Look at the kind of man Jesus stays with. Zacchaeus is a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ !"

But Zacchaeus said to the Lord, "I will \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ half of my money to the poor. If I have \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ anyone, I will pay that person back \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ times more!"

Jesus said, " \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ has come to this house today. This man truly belongs to the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of Abraham. The Son of Man came to find \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ people and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ them.



Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree to Jesus.



Jesus talks with Zacchaeus. Why had Zacchaeus climbed the tree?

**Find at least 8 deliberate mistakes.**

