

ZACCHEAUS climbs a tree

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Zacchaeus the Tax Collector,
was not an honest man.
Meeting Jesus changed
him and the way he behaved.



Zacchaeus had lots of money,
but he was not a nice man.
His job was to collect and change money,
but he took too much.



When he took money from people
he took some money for himself.
He was not kind.
Nobody liked Zacchaeus.



One day Jesus was coming to town
and everyone went to see him.
Zacchaeus was too small to see over the crowd
and no one would let him through.



He quickly ran ahead
and climbed up a tree.
He waited for Jesus to go past.
Now he could see Jesus.



Jesus stopped under the tree
He looked up.
"Zacchaeus come down," said Jesus,
"I am coming to your house today."



People said, "Doesn't Jesus know
that Zacchaeus is a bad man?"
"Do what is good and right, Zacchaeus,"
Jesus said. Zacchaeus listened.



He was sorry he had taken people's money.
He paid it all back.
"I love Jesus," said Zacchaeus.
"Now I will do what is good and right."