## Bible Stories for Young Children

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## ZACCHEUS WELCOMES JESUS

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LUKE 19:1–10

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Jesus was going through Jericho on His way to Jerusalem.

A man called Zaccheus lived there. He collected taxes and was very rich.

He got rich by making people pay more tax than they needed to. He kept the extra money for himself.



One day Zaccheus saw a crowd coming down the road.

Jesus was there.

Zaccheus was very short but he wanted to see Him. So, he ran on ahead and climbed a sycamore tree.



Jesus stopped at the sycamore tree, looked up and saw Zaccheus.

He said, 'Zaccheus, get down. Today I must come to your house.'



Zaccheus hurried down and was happy to take Jesus to his home.

**Everyone was amazed.** 

They grumbled and said, 'Jesus is going home with a sinner. Doesn't He know who Zaccheus is?'



Now at Zaccheus's house, Zaccheus said to Jesus, 'I have done wrong and will give half my money to the poor. Those whom I have cheated, I will pay back four times more.'

Jesus said, 'Salvation has come to this house today, because you are a son of Abraham.

'This is why I have come, to look for those who are lost and to save them.'

