

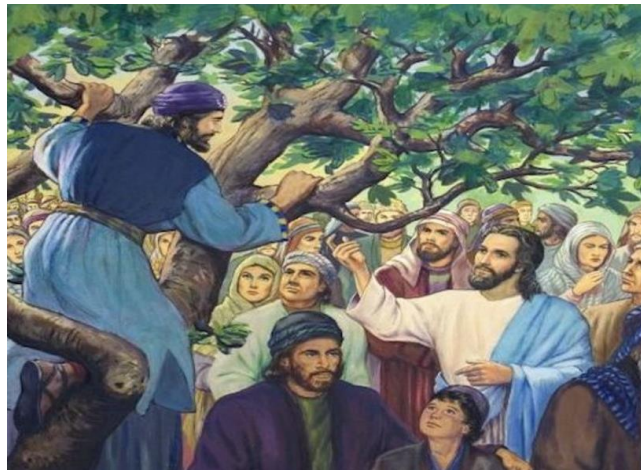
CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #29

"SALVATION HAS COME TO THIS HOUSE"

(31ST Sunday of Ordinary Time)



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INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of each one gathered here today. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for bringing us the gift of life and faith. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read **Luke 19: 1-10**. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

Time of reflection and response:

Jesus was going through the town of Jericho when a man named Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, wanted to see him. He wanted to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see Jesus because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a tree so he could see Jesus when he passed by.

Who was Zacchaeus and why did he want to see Jesus?

Sometimes, like Zacchaeus, we cannot see Jesus even though we want to. What are some things you can do to be able to see Jesus in your life today?

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and called, "Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today." He hurried down and welcomed Jesus to his house. When the people complained that Jesus was going to stay at the house of a sinner, Zacchaeus turned to him and said, "I will give half my property to the poor and pay those I have cheated four times the amount." Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house, this man too is a son of Abraham, whom the Son of Man has come to seek out and save."

Why did Jesus call out to Zacchaeus?

The people complained when they saw what happened. Why do you think they were unhappy?

What did Zacchaeus promise to Jesus? Why do you think he made that promise?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus shows us that he came specially to call those who are far away from God. The people did not like Zacchaeus, because he had done many bad things. Although he knew what Zacchaeus had done, Jesus did not avoid him, but called out specially to him. Jesus tells us that God's salvation is for everyone. Therefore, let us ask the Holy Spirit to give us the grace to be loving and welcoming to everyone, just like Jesus.

Say together as a family:

"Lord Jesus, you came down from heaven that we might have life in your name. You ask us to believe and to put our hope in you. We know that you love us and watch over us always. May we continue to grow in our faith and follow you, especially in times of trouble."

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Gospel passage today. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the Words.

Zacchaeus Meets 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 he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 19:1-10 (NIV).



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| COME | POOR | SINNER | GUEST | SHORT |

Activity #2: Break the Code

Zacchaeus Meets 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 he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

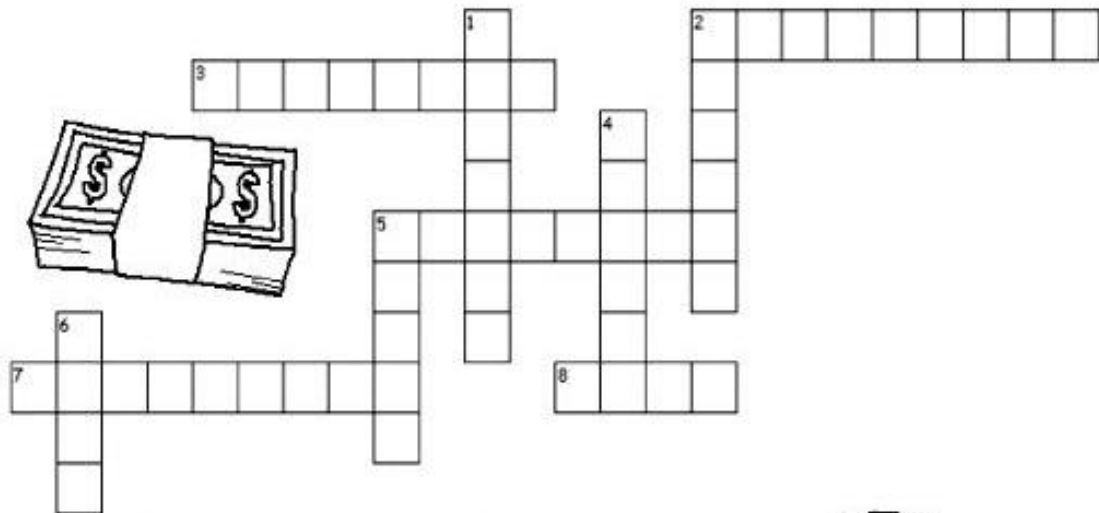
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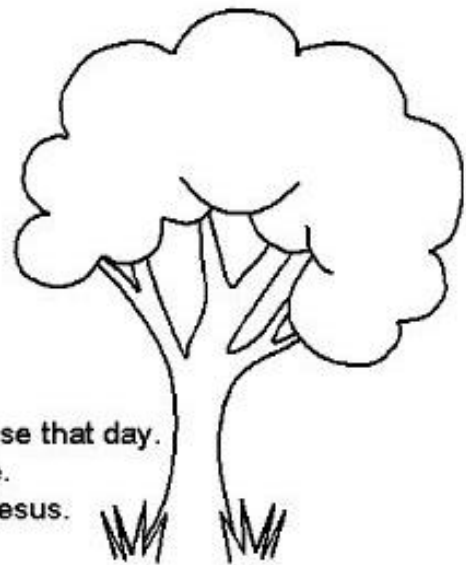
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Activity #3: Solve the Puzzle

Zacchaeus Crossword



Word list:
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salvation four
collector sinner
Jericho people
sycamore seek



Across

- 2. Jesus said this had come to Zacchaeus' house that day.
- 3. Jesus was ___ to come to Zacchaeus' house.
- 5. Zacchaeus climbed this type of tree to see Jesus.
- 7. This was Zacchaeus' occupation: tax ___.
- 8. Jesus came to ___ and to save the lost.

Down

- 1. This was the city where the story took place.
- 2. The crowd was surprised Jesus would go to a house of this type of person.
- 4. There were a lot of these surrounding Jesus.
- 5. Zacchaeus wasn't tall but this.
- 6. Zacchaeus didn't just pay people back but gave them ___ times more.

Activity #4: Break the Code

ZACCHEUS MEETS JESUS SECRET MESSAGE

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LUKE 19:9 (NIV)

Activity #5: Fit the Words to the Right Shape

Zacchaeus Meets 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 he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6 (NIV)



Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.

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Activity #6: True or False?

The Story of Zacchaeus

True or False?

Draw a Happy Face in the box to the left of every TRUE sentence and a Sad Face in the box to the left of every FALSE sentence.

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| | Zacchaeus was a priest. |
| | Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus when he came into town. |
| | Zacchaeus was a tall man. |
| | No one would let Zacchaeus through the crowd to see Jesus. |
| | Zacchaeus climbed up a pole so he could see Jesus. |
| | Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus and told him to come down. |
| | Jesus went to a hotel to stay while he was in the town. |
| | Zacchaeus was a good, honest man and everyone liked him. |
| | He gave half his belongings to the poor and repaid four times what he had stolen. |
| | Zacchaeus wanted to do good because Jesus had changed him! |

Activity #7: Unscramble the Message.

Unscramble the words in the boxes. Complete the sentence below using the letters in the numbered boxes to find out what Jesus about Zacchaeus.

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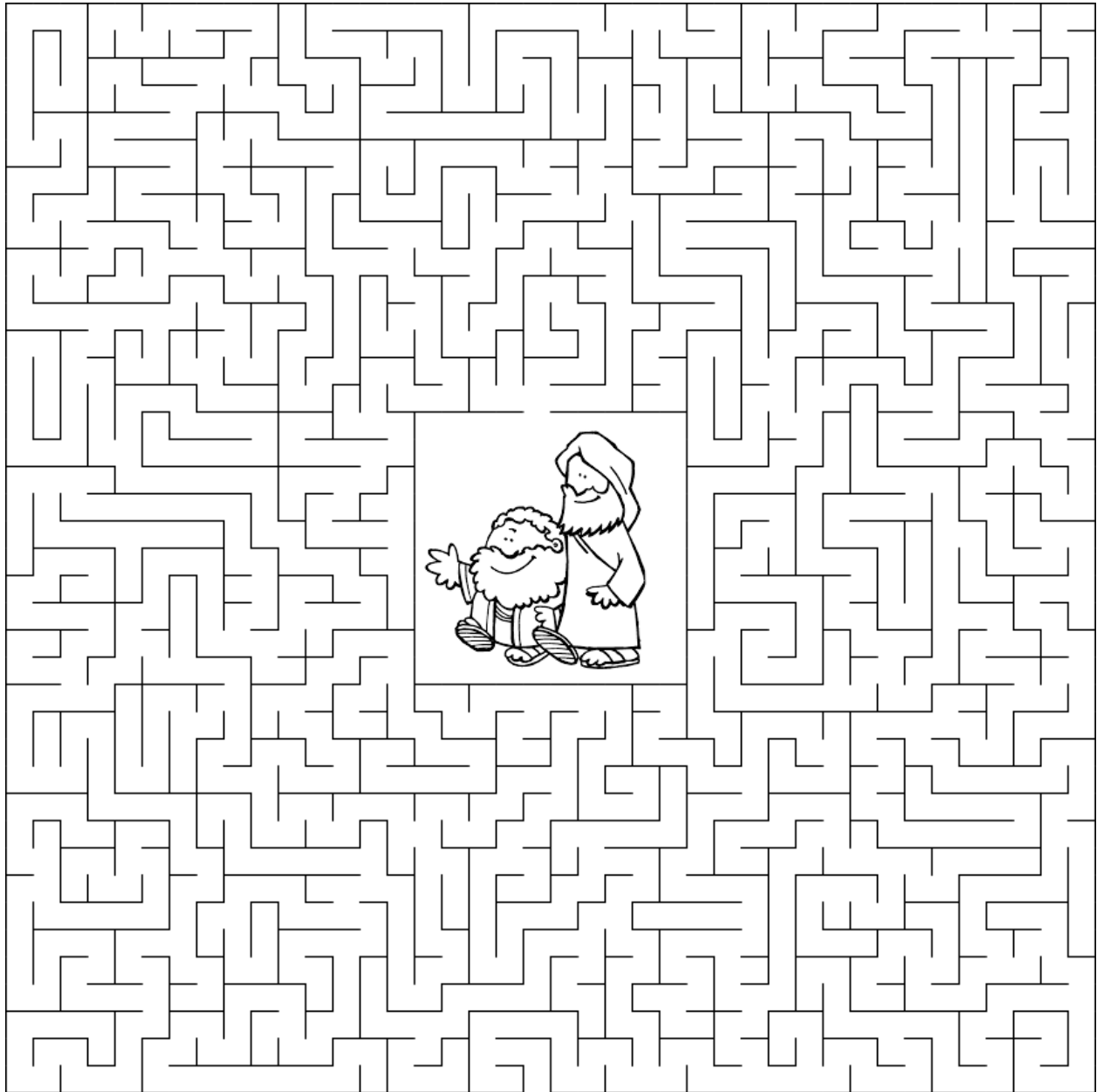
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Activity #8: Help Zacchaeus bring Jesus to his home.



Activity #9: Solve the Puzzle.

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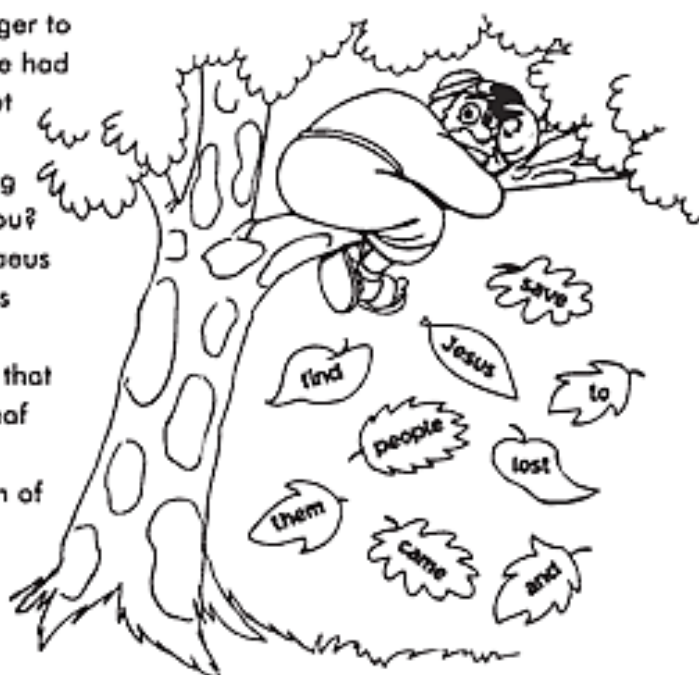
**Jesus Is a
Friend to
Zacchaeus**

—Luke 19

Out on a Limb

Zacchaeus was eager to see Jesus because he had heard so much about Him. Did he know what Jesus was going to do for him? Do you?

It looks like Zacchaeus knocked some leaves off the tree when he was hanging out on that branch. Match the leaf shapes with the shapes at the bottom of the page to find out what Jesus did for Zacchaeus.



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Activity #10: Colouring Page



Jesus was a guest at Zacchaeus' home. Zacchaeus was very happy. He said he would use his wealth to repay his debts and help the unfortunate.