

Zacchaeus in the Tree

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For the parent: say these as your child colors. No need to go in order — just talk.

- See the little man up in the tree? That's Zacchaeus. He was too short to see over the crowd.
 - He was a tax collector — he took people's money for Rome, and extra for himself. Nobody liked him.
 - But he wanted to see Jesus. So he ran ahead and climbed the tree — just like a kid would.
 - Look — Jesus stopped right under the tree. He's looking up and calling Zacchaeus by name.
 - "Hurry down," Jesus says, "I'm coming to YOUR house today." Jesus invited Himself!
 - See how happy Zacchaeus looks? The Bible says he welcomed Jesus "joyfully."
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Ask: Why did Zacchaeus climb the tree?

Answer: He was short, and he wanted to see Jesus.

When the picture is done: "Jesus, come to our house too — come to our church."