Zacchaeus

STORY CARD · LUKE 19:1-10

The story

1. Jesus was passing through the city of Jericho. A man named Zacchaeus lived there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.
2. Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was, but he was short and the crowd was in the way. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree.
3. When Jesus got to that spot, He looked up, called Zacchaeus by name, and told him to hurry down because He was going to stay at his house that day. Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed Him with joy.
4. Everyone who saw it started complaining that Jesus was going to the house of a sinner.
5. Zacchaeus stood up and said he would give half of what he owned to the poor, and pay back four times as much to anyone he had cheated.
6. Jesus said salvation had come to that house that day, because He came to seek and to save the lost.

MEMORY VERSE

"When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for me to stay at your house.' So he quickly came down and welcomed him joyfully."

Luke 19:5-6 (CSB)

Ask

1. Why did Zacchaeus climb the tree?
2. Why were people upset that Jesus went to his house?
3. What did Zacchaeus decide to do after Jesus came?
4. Is there something you need to make right with someone?

TRY IT THIS WEEK

If you took something or treated someone unfairly, make it right this week. You can say: "That was wrong. Here's your ___ back. I'm sorry."

WHAT IT SHOWS US ABOUT GOD

Jesus stopped for the man everybody else complained about, and He called him by name. Nobody is too far gone for Jesus. And once Jesus came in, Zacchaeus started making things right.