

## **Jesus loves me as I am**

**Reading:** Luke 19:1-5

Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. In Jericho there was a man names Zacchaeus. He was a very wealthy, very important tax collector. He wanted to see who Jesus was. There were many others who wanted to see Jesus too. Zacchaeus was too short to see above people. So, he ran to a place where he knew Jesus would come. Then he climbed a sycamore tree so he could see him.

When Jesus came to where Zacchaeus was, he looked up and saw him in the tree. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, hurry! Come down! I must stay at your house today."

### **Thought about the reading**

Zacchaeus was an important man. He took money from the people and gave it to the Roman rulers. Sometimes he took too much and kept it for himself. He became very rich, but nobody liked him. When he took the money, he was doing wrong. Other people did not want to be his friend. They did not want to invite him to their house or visit him in his house.

Jesus knew that Zacchaeus did things that were wrong, but he loved him anyway. He went to Zacchaeus' house and had a meal with him. Other people were shocked that Jesus ate with someone who did wrong.

Zacchaeus was sorry for the wrong things he had done. He said he would pay back the money he had taken. He wanted to follow Jesus.

Jesus knows us too. He knows all the things that we do wrong, but he still loves us. When we tell him we are sorry, he forgives us, just like he forgave Zacchaeus.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank you that you love me, even though you know everything about me, and all the things I have ever done. I am sorry for the things I have done wrong. Please forgive me and help me to follow you just as Zacchaeus did.

Amen

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