Open your Bible to Luke 19. Use the Bible storytelling tips found in the leader guide to help you tell the story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for younger preschoolers.

JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

Jesus was traveling through a city called Jericho. A man named Zacchaeus (za KEE uhs) lived there. Zacchaeus was *a tax collector, and he* **was very rich.**

When Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was coming, he wanted to see Him. But Zacchaeus was too short to see over the big crowd. So, he ran ahead and climbed a *sycamore* **tree.**

When **Jesus** *came by, He* **looked up and said, "Zacchaeus,** *hurry and* **come down. I must stay at your house today."**

Zacchaeus climbed down right away and was happy to welcome Jesus! *But the people were upset. They said, "Why would Jesus go to the house of someone like that who is a sinner?"*

Zacchaeus stood in front of Jesus and said, "Lord, I will give half of what I own to the poor. And if I have taken money I wasn't supposed to from anyone, I will pay them back even more!"

Jesus said, "Today you have been saved because you have believed in Me. *I came to seek and to save people who are lost."*