

Jesus shows us how to forgive

Theme- Jesus does forgive others, and so should we.

Games

Penny Waddle Materials: A small bowl and 2p pieces. A small bowl is placed on the floor. Get the children into pairs, holding hands, each place a coin between their knees and waddle 3 metres and try to drop the penny into the bowl. Played with two small teams it has amusing spectator value.

Balloon Relay Materials: 2 balloons (have some spares in case these break). The players are divided into two groups and a goal is set up. The players on each team go one-by-one to the goal, hopping on one foot and kicking the balloon with that foot. At the goal they switch the foot they are hopping and kicking with, and return. The team that gets all its players to the goal and back first wins. Alternatively, you could give the children a rolled up paper which they use to hit the balloon. They could use one hand one way and the other hand on their way back.

Memory verse *“Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.” Matthew 6 verse 12.* Write each or a couple of words on to a piece of paper, roll up and put into balloons. Blow up the balloons, choose a child to come and pop the first one and take out the word. Continue until all balloons are popped and all words are out. Get the children to arrange themselves in correct order and recite the verse in a group. Take away the words gradually until they can say the verse unaided.

Introduction Ask the children how they felt when playing the penny waddle game. Explain that Zacchaeus must have felt a bit silly when Jesus came along because he was up a tree!

Story Jesus meets Zacchaeus : Luke 19 verses 1 – 10.
You could narrate the story while your colleague helps the children to mime the actions!

Application Jesus never turns his back on anyone. Zacchaeus was not a popular man but Jesus chose to spend time showing him a better way to live. Whatever we might have done wrong, or however much we feel we are not good enough, Jesus loves us, forgives us, and has a plan for our lives.

Prayer Get the children to write a prayer on a post-it note and then spend time sticking it to a cross or other suitable symbol. You can end by praying that the children would know how much Jesus loves them and forgives them when they mess up. Think about how they should forgive others. You could say the Lord’s Prayer.

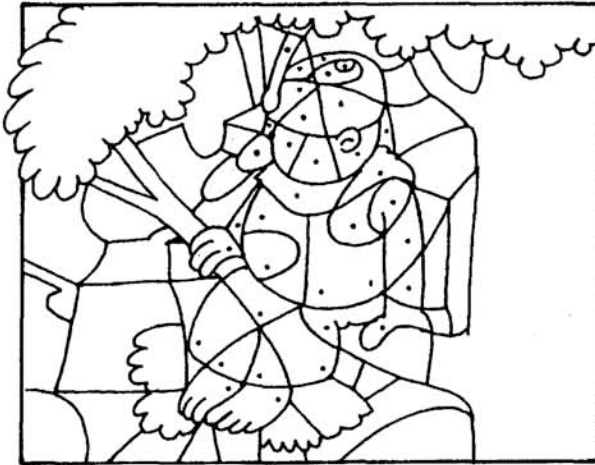
Resources There is a funsheet in the resources section.

Song “Zacchaeus was a very little man”
“Great Great Brill Brill”

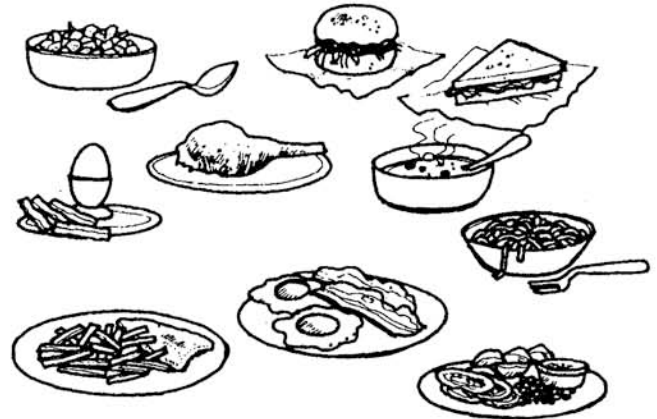
Jesus and Zacchaeus

Read Luke 19:1-10

Find Zacchaeus by colouring the dotted shapes



What would you give Jesus to eat?
Colour your favourite foods



“FORGIVE US THE WRONGS WE HAVE DONE
AS WE FORGIVE THE WRONGS THAT OTHERS
HAVE DONE TO US” MATTHEW 6 VERSE 12

Crack the code and complete the sentences

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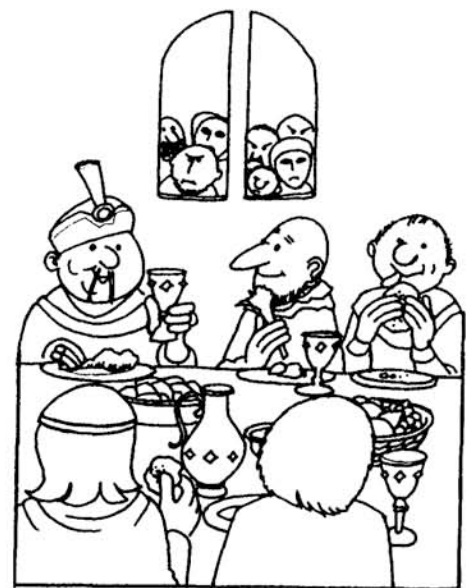


Sharing



showed friendship

Being Jesus' helped Zacchaeus become honest



Why are these people
looking grumpy?
Look up Luke 19:7