

## R.E. lesson- Christianity: Who is Jesus? Jesus meets Zacchaeus



These activities will help you explore why Jesus is important in the Christian faith. We will look at the Bible story of Jesus meeting a tax collector called Zacchaeus and how this meeting changed Zacchaeus' life.

Watch the story by clicking <https://vimeo.com/channels/streetwisevideos/236389843> and choose video '6. The Cheat's House' and/or <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0115lgy>. You can also read the story below.

### Luke Chapter 19, verses 1-10: Jesus meets Zacchaeus

Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. In Jericho there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a 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 the 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."

Zacchaeus hurried and came down. He was happy to have Jesus in his house. Everyone saw this. They began to complain, "Look at the kind of man Jesus is staying with. Zacchaeus is a sinner!"

Zacchaeus said to the Lord, "I want to do good. I will give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone, I will pay them back four times more."

Jesus said, "Today is the day for this family to be saved from sin. Yes, even this tax collector is one of God's chosen people. The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."



Has anyone ever treated you unfairly? Draw how they made you feel?



What words could you use to describe Zacchaeus before he met Jesus?

### Fact:

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. He collected unpaid taxes (money) for the Romans. Tax collectors often cheated people and took extra money from them. This made them very unpopular.



Can you design your own coin?  
Or use crayons to do some coin rubbing below.



Write in the speech bubble something Jesus might have said to Zacchaeus.

Draw a picture of the 'changed' Zacchaeus. Include speech or thought bubbles to show how he had changed.

#### ZACCHAEUS WORD SEARCH



SINNER	SHORT
ZACCHAEUS	TREE
JESUS	HOUSE
JERICHO	MONEY
TAX	POOR
BIBLE	GOD



Do you think Zacchaeus deserved a second chance?

Yes / No, because \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you sometimes think you should treat people better? There is always time to say sorry and to try to be a better friend.

