

**TO HELP US STUDY**

1. What city did Jesus enter? _____
2. Who was Zacchaeus? _____
3. Why could he not see Jesus? _____
4. How did he solve this problem? _____
5. When Jesus saw Zacchaeus, what did Jesus say? _____

6. Was Zacchaeus glad to have Jesus visit his home? _____
7. What did the people of the city say about this? _____

8. After Jesus visited with Zacchaeus, what did the tax collector say? _____

9. What did Jesus say about Zacchaeus? _____
10. Why did Jesus go to see Zacchaeus? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Older ones—Mark 2:16-17

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Notice the attitude of people toward Zacchaeus. Why did the people hate tax collectors? See what you can find in a Bible dictionary about this (tip: look under "Publican"). Which of Jesus' disciples was a tax collector?

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Two lessons stand out in this story. Either of them is simple enough to hold the attention of the smallest child. Not only will our children enjoy the idea of a man in a tree, but they will appreciate these truths:

1) *Jesus was interested in everybody.* No one was too little or too bad or too unimportant for Jesus to care about them. Jesus always had time for any person who had time for him. Let's try to impress upon our children the fact that, small as they are, Jesus knows them and cares about them. He knows they are studying about Him.

2) *Jesus makes us want to be good.* Some may not agree about whether or not Zacchaeus was a good or bad man before Jesus came to town. Certainly Jesus inspired him to be better. If Zacchaeus was like most tax collectors of his day, he used dishonest methods to get rich. The last verse of the story probably explains why Jesus went to his house—to save a lost man. Whether or not Zacchaeus was bad, he became better because of his day spent with Jesus. We should expect that the days we spend with the Lord will make us better, too. The more our children learn about Jesus, the more they will love him and want to please him.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Mt 19:13-15; Rom 5:8; Lk 15; Jn 4; Gal 5:24; Col 3:1-3.