

That's why Jesus went to heaven. Jesus went to heaven so he could send his Spirit to live with each of us - all at the same time!

Of course, you can't see his Spirit.

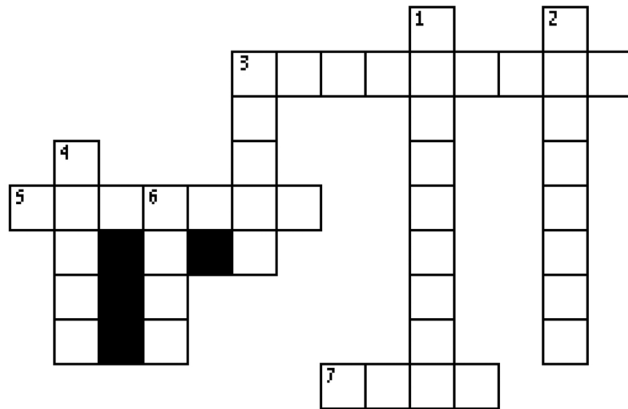
But you can't see love either. You can't hear it or smell it or touch it. But you know when love is there. That's how it is with Jesus. When Jesus comes to you, you can't see him, or hear him, or touch him. But you know that he is there.

Jesus wants to come to your house today!

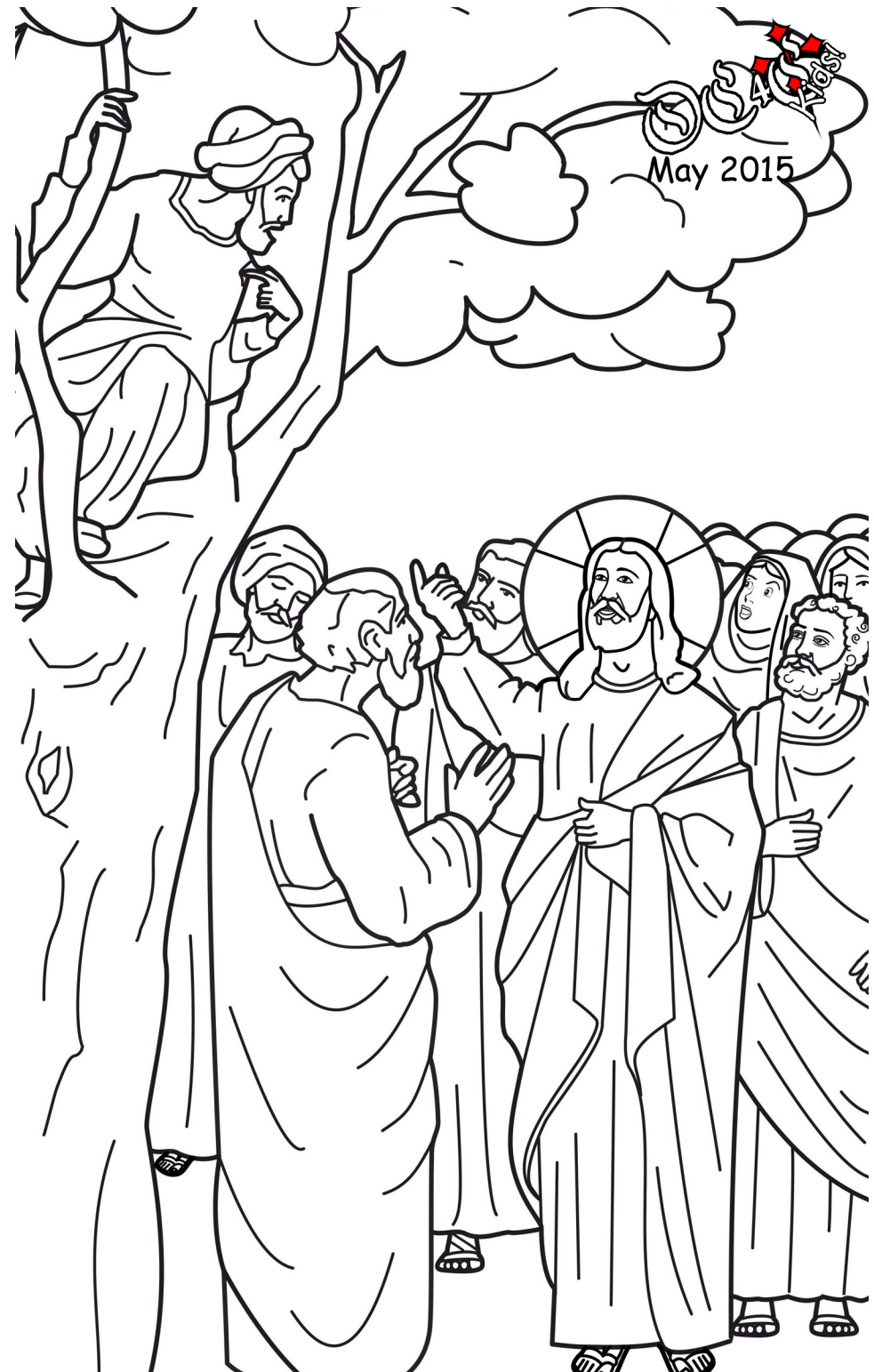
All you have to do is ask him in!

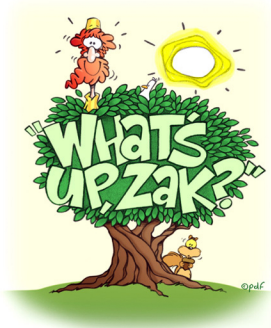
Zacchaeus

(Luke 19:1-10)



- 1 DOWN "Now, behold, there was a man named ____ who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich." LUKE 19:2
- 3 DOWN "And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was ____ of stature." LUKE 19:3
- 6 DOWN "So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore ____ to see Him, for He was going to pass that way." LUKE 19:4
- 4 DOWN "And when ____ came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.'" LUKE 19:5
- 2 DOWN "So he made haste and came down, and received Him ____." LUKE 19:6
- 5 ACROSS "Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I ____ fourfold.'" LUKE 19:8
- 3 ACROSS "And Jesus said to him, 'Today ____ has come to this house...'" LUKE 19:9
- 7 ACROSS "... for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was ____." LUKE 19:10





OR
UP A TREE

The Story of Zacchaeus
By Paul Dallgas-Frey
Luke 19:1-10

... continued

"Zacchaeus!" Jesus said to him, "Hurry down from there!

"I must stay at your house today!"

ZACCHAEUS!
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"How does he know my name??" Zacchaeus thought to himself. "But he does! He knows my name! And he wants to come and stay at MY house!"

Zacchaeus flew down that tree quicker than you could say "Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus sitting in a tree."

When his feet hit the ground, he was so happy he nearly did a little dance! But that's just what Jesus does to people. Jesus laughed and slapped his arm around Zacchaeus's shoulder, and together they started off towards Zacchaeus's house.

But the people in the crowd were not so happy.

They had spent all day in the hot sun following Jesus, and now he was going to stay at the house of Zacchaeus, a rich, cheating tax collector. They began to grumble about Zacchaeus...

"This man is a sinner!" one woman said.

"He cheats and steals from his own people!" said an old man.

"He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house!" Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him, and he must have known that they were right. So he said, "Listen! I will give half of everything I have to the poor! And if I cheated anyone, I will pay them back four times as much!"

Jesus was going to be a guest at his house. And what do you do when you are expecting company? You clean things up!

That's just what Zacchaeus did. Only he cleaned himself up on the inside first. Zacchaeus wanted to make things right for Jesus. He was so happy that Jesus wanted to come to his house, he wanted to make Jesus happy too.

And Jesus WAS happy!

Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation has come to this house!"

"Your life was all wrong, but now it is all right. You were lost, but now you have been saved!"

"That's why I am here. I came to find and save the lost!"

Zacchaeus was a little man, but now he felt ten feet tall!



And you know what?

Jesus knows you too! Jesus knows you by name, just like he knew Zacchaeus.

He wants to come and tell you how much he loves you.

He wants to tell you the good news of his home in heaven. He wants to laugh with you and cry with you, and be with you no matter what.

But Jesus can't exactly walk up to your front door and ring the bell. It would take a LONG time for Jesus to walk up to every house in the world! You'd be all old and wrinkly by the time he finally got to yours... and he wouldn't be able to stay very long.

There are a LOT of houses in the world to get to!

Back when Jesus stayed at Zacchaeus's house, all the other people grumbled because each one of them wanted Jesus to stay at THEIR house. But when Jesus was on earth, he just couldn't stay at every house every night.