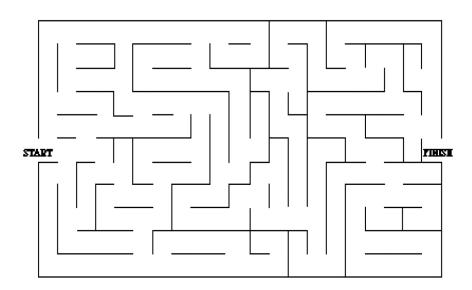


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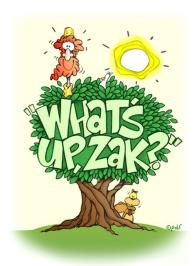
[&]quot;For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

LUKE 19:10



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UP A TREE The Story of 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 dancel 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 why I am here. I came to find and save the lost!"

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

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