

JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

SESSION 5



Text Truth: Jesus wants everyone to know and love Him.

Bible Verse: The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Jesus came to rescue people. Luke 19:10

For Kids
and
Parents

LUKE 19:1-10

Jesus walked through a town called Jericho. People were excited and waited on the road to see Jesus.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector in Jericho. Zacchaeus had heard about Jesus. He wanted to see Jesus, too.

But Zacchaeus could not see over the crowds of people in the road. The people didn't like Zacchaeus because he sometimes collected more money from them than he was supposed to get. So the people probably didn't want to let Zacchaeus squeeze through them.

Zacchaeus had an idea. He ran down the road and found a sycamore fig tree near the road. Quickly Zacchaeus climbed the tree. Now he would be able to see Jesus when He passed by.

When Jesus came to the tree, He stopped. Jesus looked high into the tree branches. There He saw Zacchaeus sitting on a limb. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, come down now. I'm going to your house today."

Zacchaeus climbed down quickly and walked with Jesus. Zacchaeus was surprised and happy that Jesus wanted to go to his house.

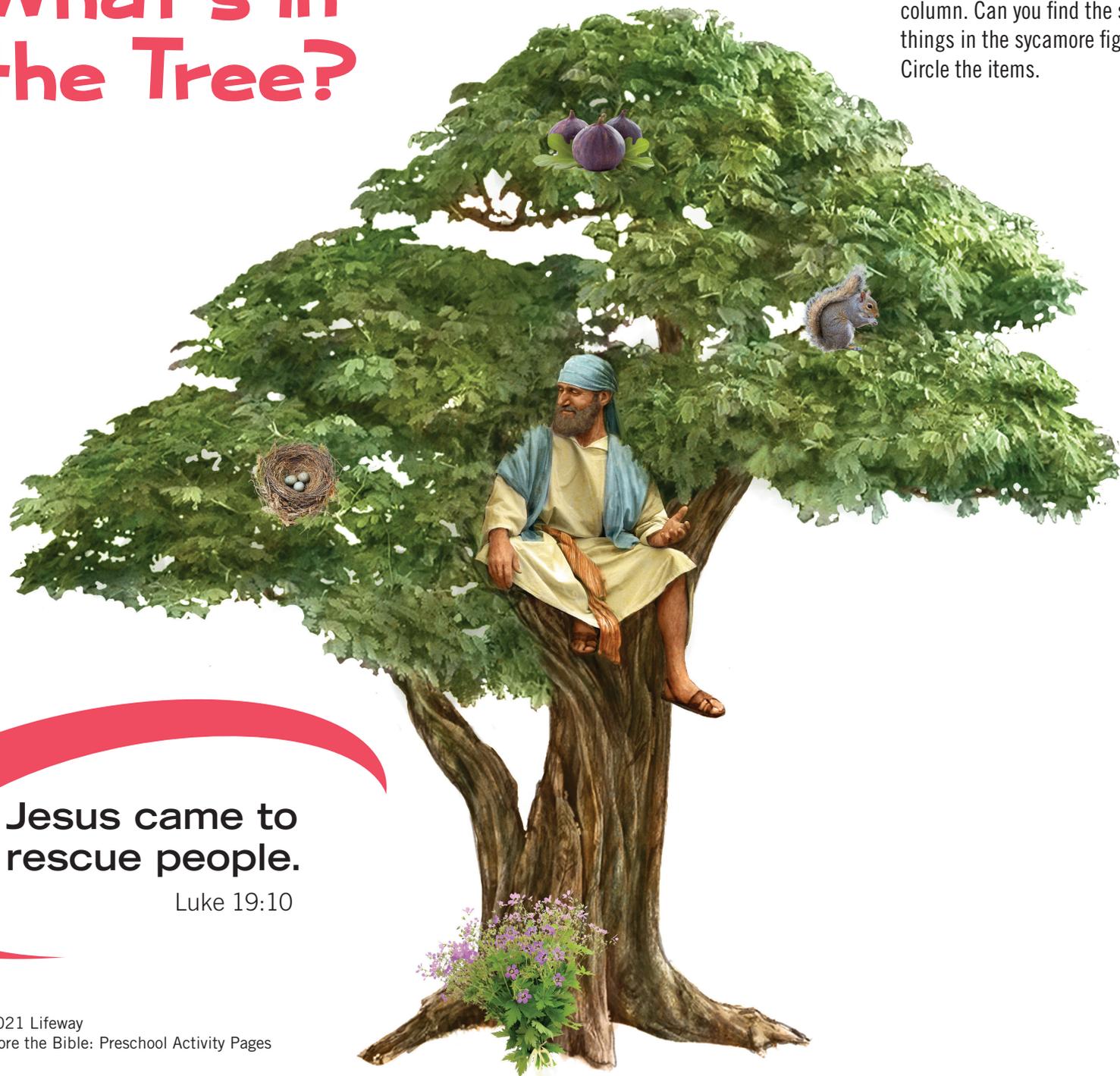
Zacchaeus could tell that Jesus was kind. Zacchaeus knew that he had done many things that were wrong. He had not been fair or kind to people.

"Jesus," Zacchaeus said. "I want to give to the people who are poor. And if I have taken too much money from people, I will pay them all of their money and more."

Jesus was glad to hear Zacchaeus say this. Jesus said He had come to help people like Zacchaeus.

What's in the Tree?

Look at the pictures in the green column. Can you find the same things in the sycamore fig tree? Circle the items.



Zacchaeus



Flowers



Birds nest



Squirrel



Figs

Jesus came to rescue people.

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