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LESSON SUPPLY LIST

- Bible w/ Marked
Scripture
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Copy of Song
- Copies of Coloring Page
assembled with "windows"
cut out
- Copies of lesson overview
for children to take home

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Objective of Lesson:

The Lord comes to where His people are and shows them His power to save.

Lesson Instructions:

1. Today we are going to hear a story about a man named Zacchaeus and how the Lord revealed to Zacchaeus that he was one of His children. This story, recorded in our Bible, is a picture of what happens to ALL of God's people when He seeks and saves them by His sovereign mercy.
2. While on this earth, our Lord Jesus would travel to cities and towns revealing to people why He came to this earth. He would heal the blind so they could see; He would heal the lame so they could walk; and He would use those miracles to teach people that He has the power and authority given to Him by God the Father to save people from their sin. People from all over the land were talking about what the Lord Jesus was doing for the sick and the lame and what He could do for sinners!
3. In this town of Jericho was a man named Zacchaeus. The Bible tells us that he was a little man - a man who was shorter and smaller than most anybody in the town. His job was to collect money from the townspeople to give to the government of Rome. The people in the town did not like Zacchaeus. He was not a friend to them, because he stole from them and kept the money for himself. The people knew this and they considered him one of the worst people in the town.
4. Zacchaeus, while going about his daily actions, had heard of this man named Jesus. He knew people were talking about the miracles Jesus Christ could perform. He had heard that Jesus Christ must have been sent from God in order to do these miracles, because only the Son of God could perform such miracles. Zacchaeus desired to see this man he had heard so much

- about. When he heard Jesus was coming through the town he thought, "I must see the Man I have been hearing about!"
5. Zacchaeus ran to the edge of town and saw the Lord Jesus coming. The Lord was completely surrounded by people, and Zacchaeus could not see or reach Christ. He did not have the ability to see or reach Christ. He was too little to see over the crowd or fight his way through the group of people!
 6. Right beside the road was a large tree called a Sycamore Tree. Zacchaeus climbed into the tree so he could see above the crowd, and he waited for the Lord Jesus to pass by.
 7. Something happened to Zacchaeus that changed his life forever. He did not know it yet but he was one of God's chosen and redeemed people! When the Lord Jesus got to the place of the sycamore tree He stopped! Zacchaeus did not have anything to say to the Lord Jesus, but the Lord Jesus had something to say to him! The Son of God looked up into the tree and called Zacchaeus by name! He said, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."
 8. Zacchaeus willingly and happily did as the Lord commanded him and came down out of that tree! The Lord had come to see Zacchaeus! He had traveled through that town specially to come stay with Zacchaeus! How did the Lord know Zacchaeus's name? The Lord knows the names of ALL His children.
 9. The people in the crowd were shocked and angry! Of all the people in that town how could the Lord Jesus Christ want to go to the house of Zacchaeus!? He was a thief and a liar and a cheat! He was so hated and despised! He had NEVER done anything good, and he had never even cared! The Lord told Zacchaeus why He had come to abide in his house. It is because Christ always abides with His children and Zacchaeus was a Child of Abraham. (That means he was a man chosen of God. The Bible commonly refers to God's people as Children of Abraham).
 10. Christ told Zacchaeus that the only reason He came to this earth was to seek His lost children and save them. Zacchaeus was one of those lost children, and Christ revealed to him that he was saved!!
 11. Did God choose Zacchaeus because he was a good man? NO! The Bible tells us he was a great sinner! Christ told Zacchaeus He was abiding with him not because of any great thing he had done or not done, but because he was a Child of Abraham. He was one of God's People!!
 12. The Lord Jesus tells us that his children are like jewels in His crown, and He finds jewels for His crown among the poor, the blind, the publicans, and sinners who were the castaways of Jericho. None are too sinful, too base, too vile, or too far gone for Christ to save. His arm is not short that He cannot save. Oh, no! None are beyond the reach of His omnipotent mercy! Here is a notorious publican, one of the most well known of the despised tax-collectors dwelling near Jericho, transformed into a child of God!
 13. Zacchaeus was curious, but Christ had come to be gracious. Zacchaeus was a child of God, and Christ had come to that place to show him mercy! Jesus Christ shed his blood for His children, and none of them shall perish in their sins. Jesus Christ comes to every one of them, calls them by name, and his children willingly come and abide with the Lord forever.

Activity:

- Zacchaeus Song with actions
- Search and Color Activity Sheet - Cut along the dotted lines on Color Sheet One. Attach color sheet two to the back of color sheet one so when the child lifts the flaps the images will show through the "windows".

**Zacchaeus Come Down
Take Home Overview Sheet**

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Zacchaeus Song

(using both hands, make it look like you are showing the size of a very small man.)

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
and a wee little man was he.

(using both hands act as though you are climbing up a tree)

He climbed up in a sycamore tree,
for the Lord he wanted to see.

(shade your eyes like you are looking.)

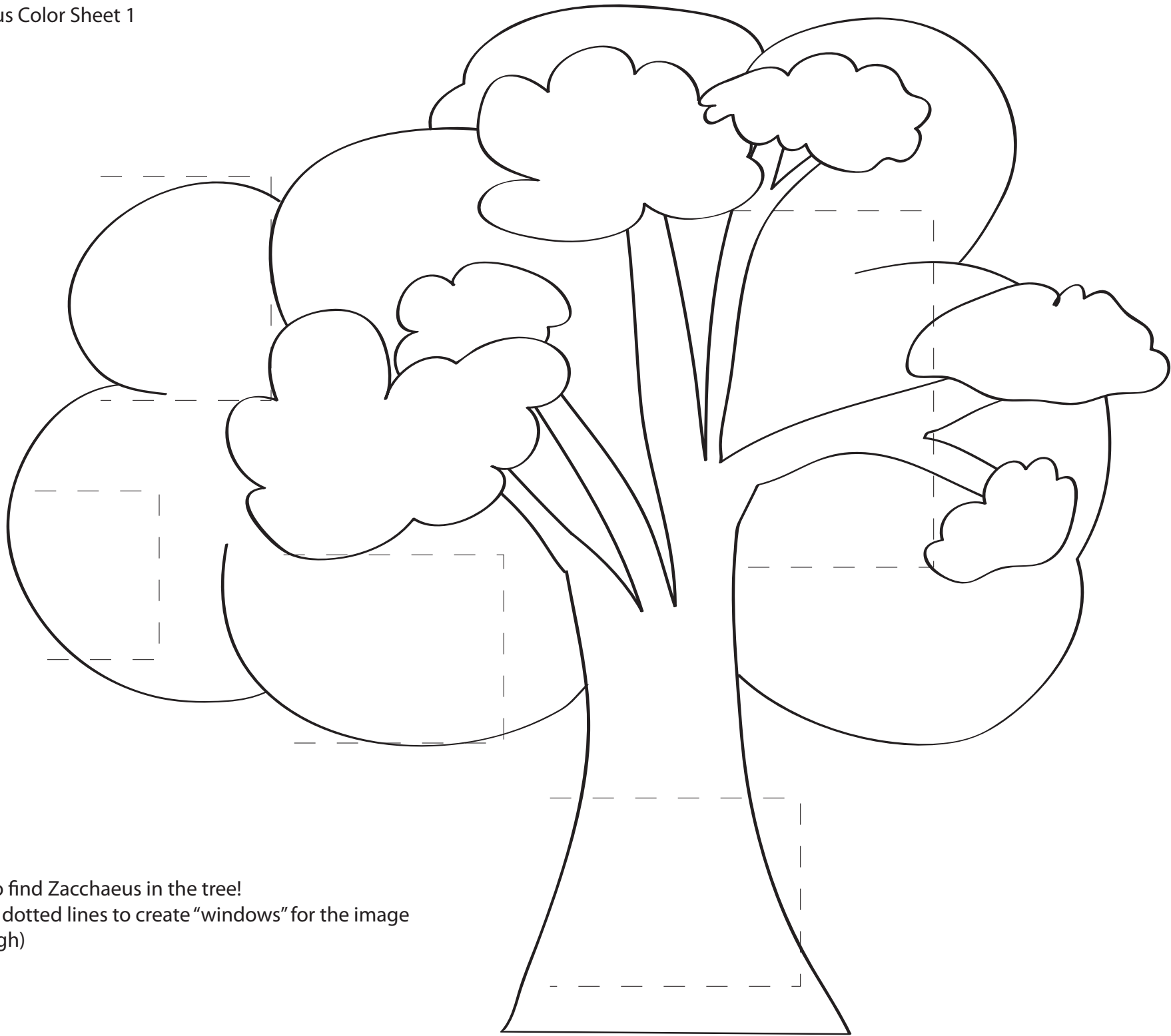
And when the Lord came to that spot,
He looked up in that tree,

(using you fingers, make it look as though someone is walking.)

And he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down,
For I'm going to your house today,
for I'm going to your house today"

(Start clapping your hands when singing this verse.)

Zacchaeus came down from that tree,
as happy as could be,
The Lord had come to seek and save,
A child of God was he!
A child of God was he!



Lift the flaps to find Zacchaeus in the tree!
(Cut along the dotted lines to create "windows" for the image to show through)

Zacchaeus Color Sheet 2

Attach this behind sheet one. When the "windows" are cut out and the child lifts the flaps these shapes will show through the cutouts.

