A Bible Story



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Zacchaeus

A story about a man who wanted to see Jesus and found a new life.



Jesus Came to Jericho

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through the city. Many people gathered in the streets because they wanted to see Him and hear His words.



A Tax Collector Named Zacchaeus

A man named Zacchaeus lived in that city. He was the chief tax collector and was very wealthy, but people did not like him because he had gained money unfairly.



He Wanted to See Jesus

Zacchaeus wanted to know who Jesus was. He came near the crowd, but he was short and could not see over so many people.



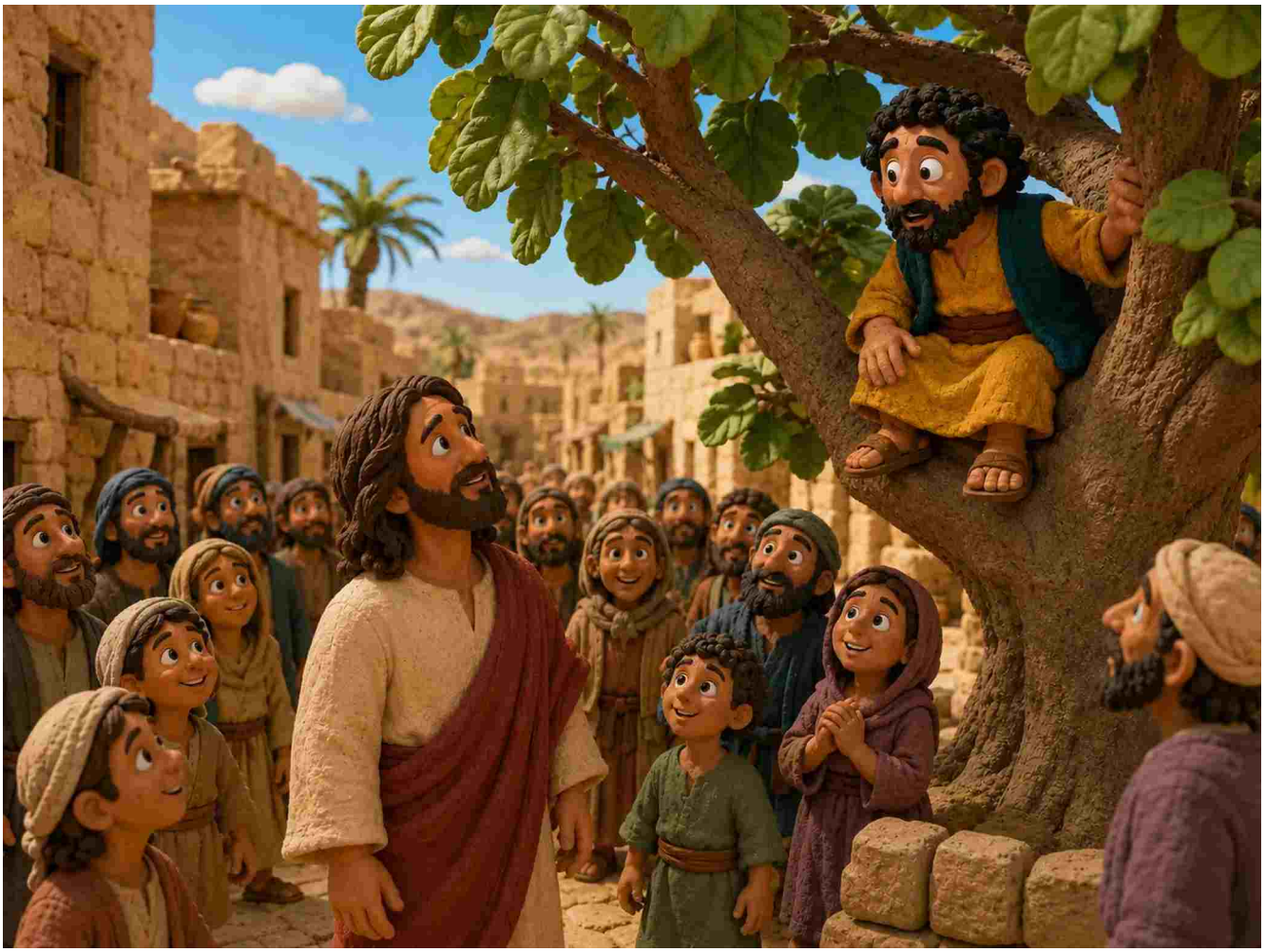
He Ran Ahead

So Zacchaeus ran ahead down the street. He thought of a place from which he could see clearly when Jesus passed by.



He Climbed a Sycamore Tree

Zacchaeus found a sycamore tree beside the road and climbed among its branches. From there he would have a good view of Jesus without the crowd blocking him.



Jesus Stopped

When Jesus reached that place, He looked up. He saw Zacchaeus hidden among the leaves and called him by name.



Come Down Quickly, Zacchaeus

Jesus said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.” Zacchaeus could hardly believe that Jesus wanted to visit him.



He Welcomed Him Joyfully

Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed Jesus with great joy. That meeting was far more important than all the wealth he had gathered.



The People Murmured

Some people began to complain: “He was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.” They looked at Zacchaeus’s wrongs, but Jesus also saw what he could become.



Zacchaeus Made a Decision

Standing before Jesus, Zacchaeus announced a decision: he would give half of his possessions to the poor.



He Would Pay Back What He Had Taken

He also promised that if he had taken too much from anyone, he would repay four times the amount. His repentance would produce real changes.



Salvation Came to His House

Jesus said, “This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.” Zacchaeus had responded with faith and a transformed life.



Jesus Came to Seek and Save

Jesus explained, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” No one was beyond the reach of His love, not even Zacchaeus.