

Bible Story 51: JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN AND JESUS TALKS WITH ZACCHAEUS

SCRIPTURE: Blind Man: Mark 10:46-52
Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1-10

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 11:1, Acts 4:10,12, 1 Timothy 2:3-4 or Romans 10:9

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN

One day Jesus, His disciples and a group of people were coming to a town called Jericho. Bartimaeus was a blind man, begging by the side of the road. The blind man heard that Jesus was passing by him. So the blind man yelled, "**Jesus, have mercy and compassion for me!**" The people told him to be quiet. What did the man do? He called out even louder. Jesus called the blind man to come to Him. Then Jesus asked him what he wanted. The blind man said that he wanted Jesus to heal him. Jesus replied that his faith has healed him. Right then the man could see! He was healed!

JESUS TALKS WITH ZACCHAEUS

On another day, Jesus was passing through the town of Jericho. A wealthy chief tax collector named Zacchaeus was there. *(Tax collectors were Jews who got money from their own Jewish people to give to the ruling Roman government. Often tax collectors collected more money than required, keeping the extra money for themselves. The Jews did not like tax collectors.)*

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he could not. Zacchaeus was a short man and many people were around Jesus. So Zacchaeus ran on ahead and climbed a sycamore fig tree. He thought this way he could see Jesus when He came by this pathway.

When Jesus reached the sycamore fig tree, He looked up and said: "**Zacchaeus, you come down right now! I want to go to your house.**"

Zacchaeus climbed down and gladly welcomed Jesus.

In his home, Zacchaeus said to Jesus: "**Lord, to the poor I'll give half of all that I have. Also, I'll pay back four times the amount to anyone that I have ever cheated.**"

Jesus replied, "**Salvation has come to this house.**"

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What did the blind man Bartimaeus do?
2. What did the people tell the blind man to do? What did Jesus do to the blind man?
3. What is faith? Why can you have faith and trust in Jesus to help you?
4. Who are some needy people that you can help? How?
5. Who were the tax collectors? Did the Jews like tax collectors? Why not?
6. Who was the tax collector in the story? Who did he want to see? What happened?
7. What did Jesus do when He came to the sycamore fig tree? What did Zacchaeus do?
8. Should we help people that we do not like? Why?
9. What are some kinds of things that you can do for people that you do not like?
10. What does it mean when Jesus said, "*Salvation has come to your house*"? (Zacchaeus called Jesus "Lord." Read Acts 4:10,12, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Romans 10:9 and John 3:16.)