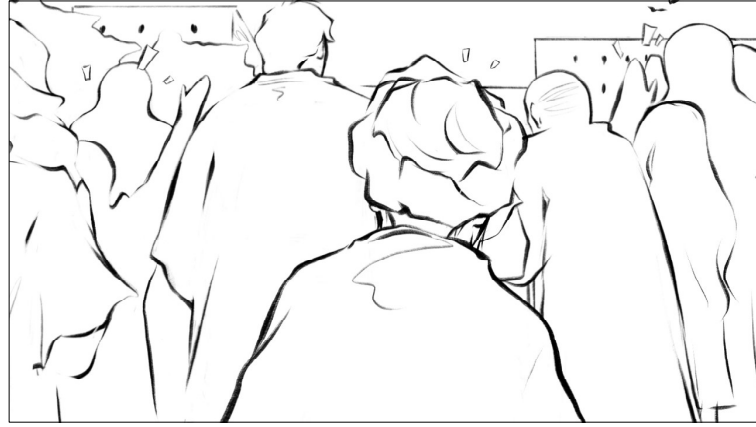


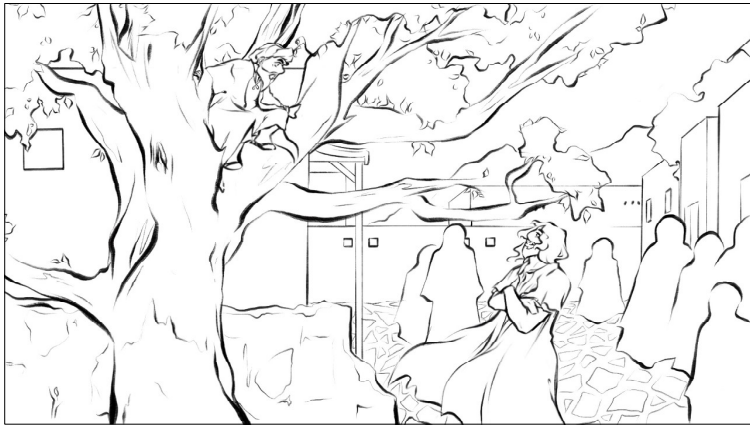
JESUS BEFRIENDS ZACCHAEUS



ZACCHAEUS WAS THE CHIEF TAX COLLECTOR IN JERICO. HE WAS VERY RICH, BUT ALSO VERY DISHONEST. HE WOULD RIP PEOPLE OFF AND STEAL THEIR MONEY. NOBODY LIKED ZACCHAEUS.



ONE DAY JESUS CAME TO TOWN. ZACCHAEUS WANTED TO SEE HIM BUT HE WAS TOO SHORT. HE COULDN'T SEE OVER ALL THE PEOPLE.



SO HE CLIMBED A SYCAMORE FIG TREE. FROM THERE HE COULD SEE EVERYTHING! HE SAW JESUS AND JESUS CAME RIGHT UP TO HIM. JESUS LOOKED UP AT THE TREE AND SAID "ZACCHAEUS COME DOWN. I'M GONNA STAY AT YOUR PLACE TODAY!" ZACCHAEUS WAS AMAZED! HE RUSHED DOWN THE TREE AND WELCOMED JESUS.



TOGETHER, THEY WENT AND SHARED A MEAL. THEY TALKED FOR HOURS. ZACCHAEUS WAS SO AMAZED BY JESUS. HE HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH GOODNESS AND LOVE.



ZACCHAEUS STOOD UP AND SAID TO EVERYONE "I'M NOT GOING TO BE A CHEAT ANYMORE! I WILL GIVE HALF OF EVERYTHING I HAVE TO THE POOR. AND I WILL PAY BACK EVERYONE I HAVE RIPPED OFF."

JESUS WAS SO HAPPY. HE SAID "I HAVE COME FOR LOST PEOPLE WHO NEED SAVING. AND TODAY THIS MAN IS SAVED!"

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What does this story tell you about Jesus?
3. How can this story help you in life?