



ACTIVITIES FOR K2- K5 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Today's Bible Story: Jesus loves people even when they do something wrong.

Zacchaeus • *Luke 19:1-10*

Memory Verse: "Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14, NIV

Key Question: Who does Jesus love?

Bottom Line: Jesus loves everyone.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Climb Up

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Preschool-sized step stool

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the stool in the center of the activity area and have an adult stand next to it. This will be the tree.

During the Activity: Allow the children to climb to the top of the tree, one at a time. After each child climbs to the top of the tree, say the memory verse as a group. Repeat activity until each child has a turn to climb the tree.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today, we heard a Bible story about Zacchaeus climbing to the top of a tree to see Jesus. Let's pretend this (*point to stool*) is our tree and climb it!"

During the Activity: "We can each climb the tree on at a time. After everyone climbs the tree, we can say our memory verse! Are you ready?" (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Our memory verse tells us that [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus loves everyone!** Jesus loves us even if we do something wrong. **Who does Jesus love?** [**Bottom Line**] **Jesus loves everyone!**"

Going to Zac's House

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

What You Need: "Zac's House Full Page," "Zac's House Cards," (activity pages are after this activity). scissors; and plastic zipper bags

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Zac's House Full Page", one set per activity. Print "Zac's House Cards" and cut apart, one set per child.

During the Activity: Invite your family to sit in front of you. You will have a set of four full Zac's House story pictures. Give each child a smaller, matching set of story cards. Put the story pictures in order for the children to see as you review the Bible story (lay them on the floor, tape them to the wall, or whatever works best for you). Ask the children in your family to follow along by putting their story cards in order as well.

After the Activity: Talk about how Jesus loved Zacchaeus even though he had done something wrong.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come sit with me. We're going to talk about today's Bible story using these story pictures!"

During the Activity: "First, I want each of you to have your own set of story cards. (*Give each child a set of story cards.*) Hold your cards and listen closely so you can put your cards in order with me.

"In our Bible story, there was a large crowd of people. (*Hold up page with the large crowd.*) Everyone wanted to see Jesus! Look for this card and put it in front of you.

"A man named Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he was too short to see over all of the people. What did Zacchaeus do? (*Hold up page with Zacchaeus in a tree.*) Yes! Zacchaeus climbed a tree so he could see Jesus! Look for this card and put it beside your crowd picture.

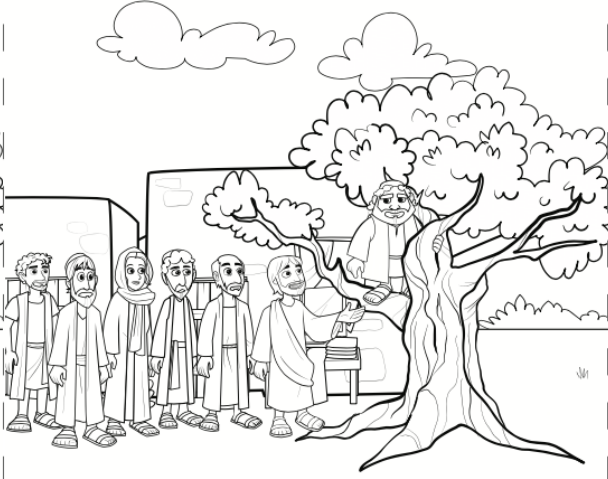
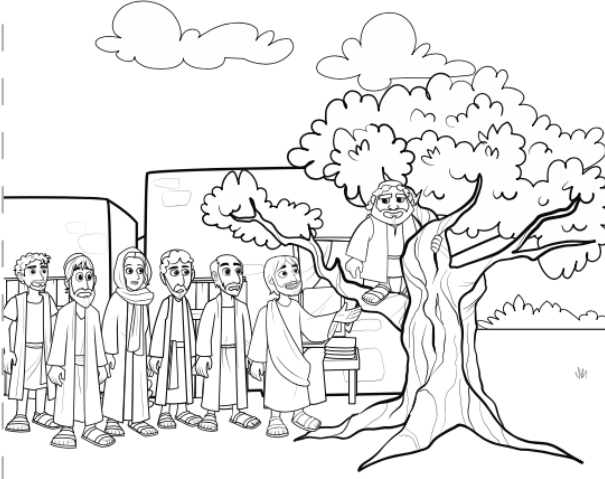
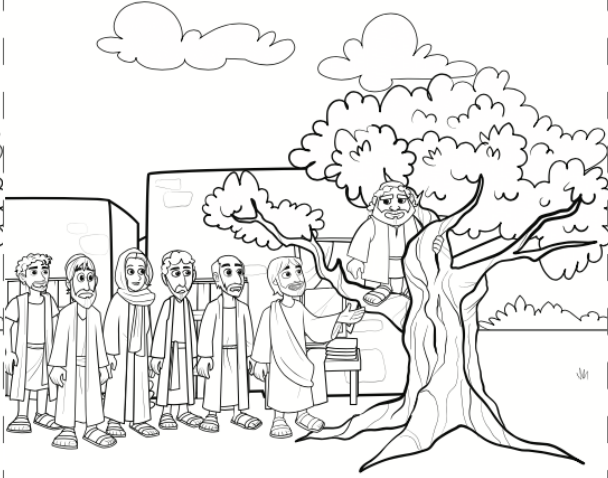
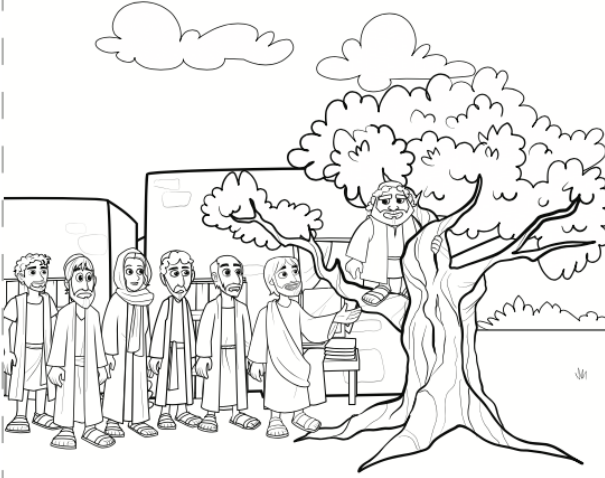
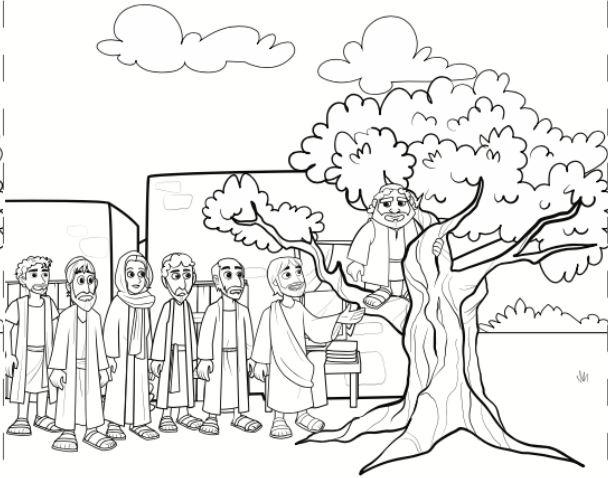
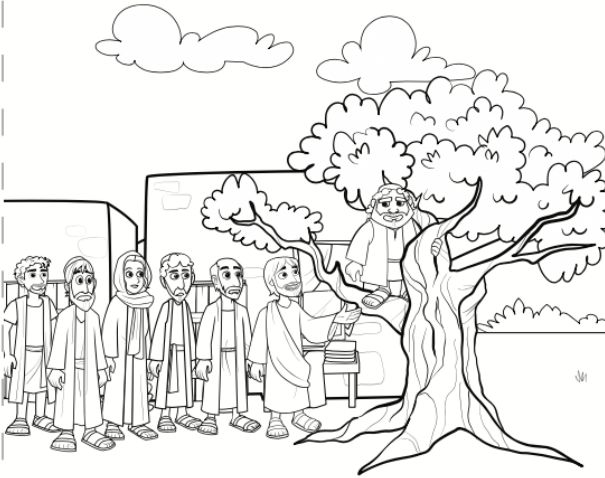
"When Jesus walked by, He saw Zacchaeus in the tree. (*Hold up page of Jesus smiling up at Zacchaeus.*) What did Jesus tell Zacchaeus? (*Pause.*) Yes! Jesus wanted to go to Zacchaeus' house! Look for this card and put it beside your picture of Zacchaeus in the tree.

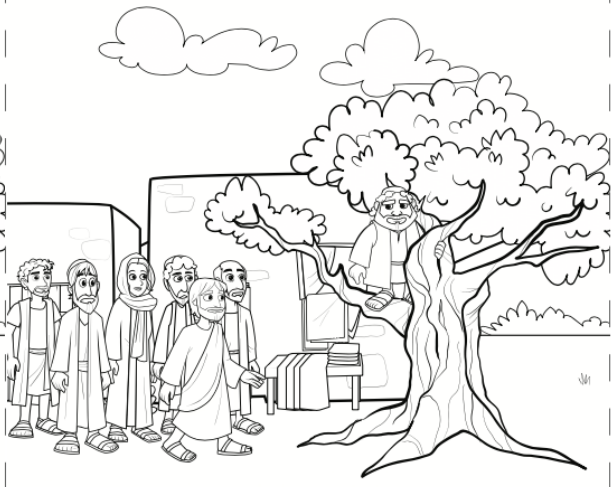
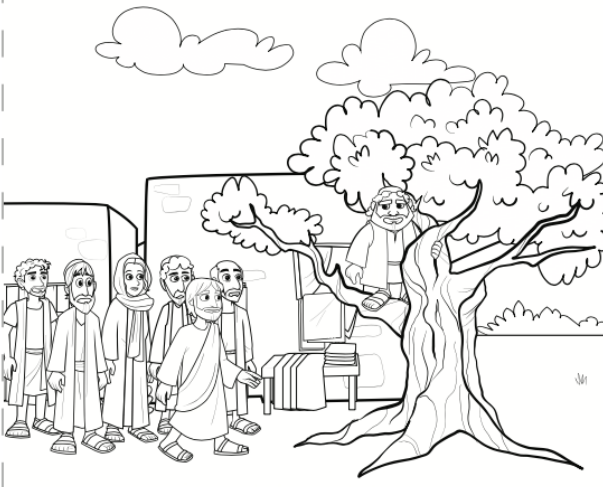
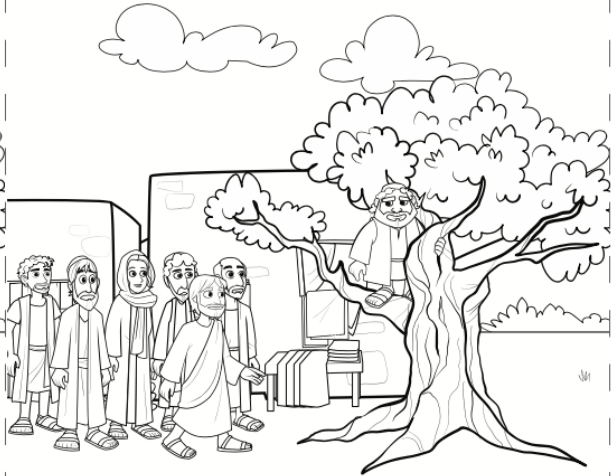
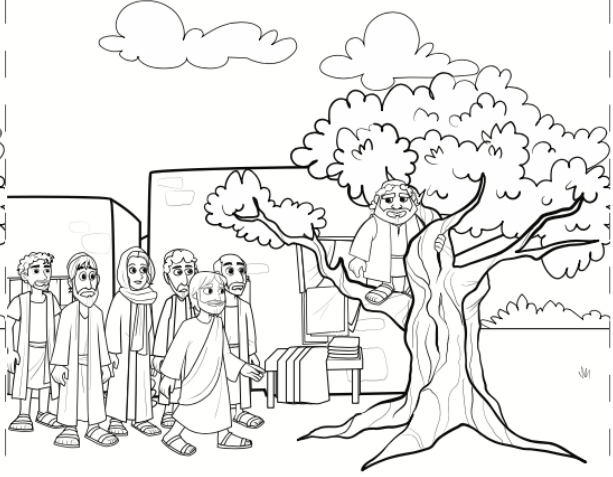
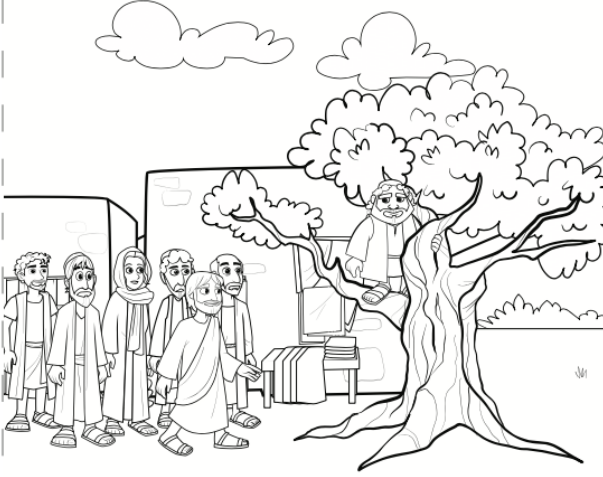
"Zacchaeus quickly came down and took Jesus to his house. (*Hold up page of Jesus at Zacchaeus' house.*) All of the people wondered why Jesus wanted to be friends with Zacchaeus. He had done wrong things and taken more money from the people than he was supposed to take. Lots and lots and LOTS of people went to Zacchaeus' house to see what would happen. Do you remember what happened?

"Zacchaeus was SO happy that **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone** that he wanted to love everyone, too. So Zacchaeus gave all the people their money back, then he gave them even more money! It was a very happy, happy day—like a party!"

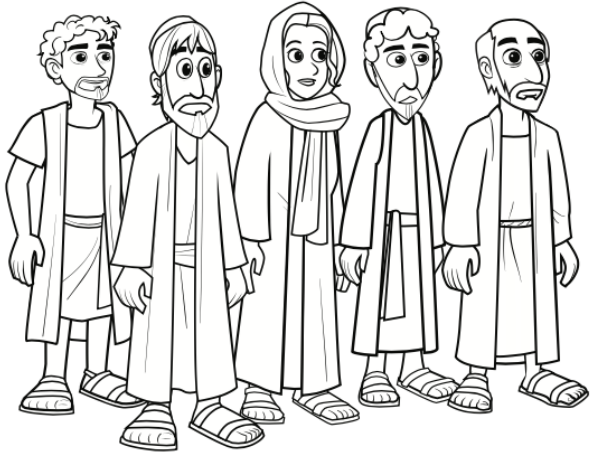
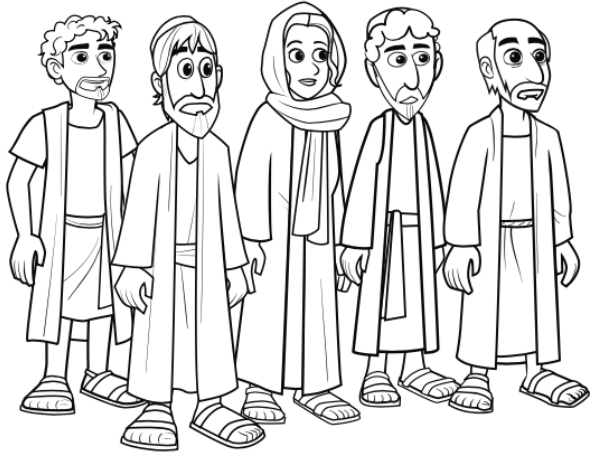
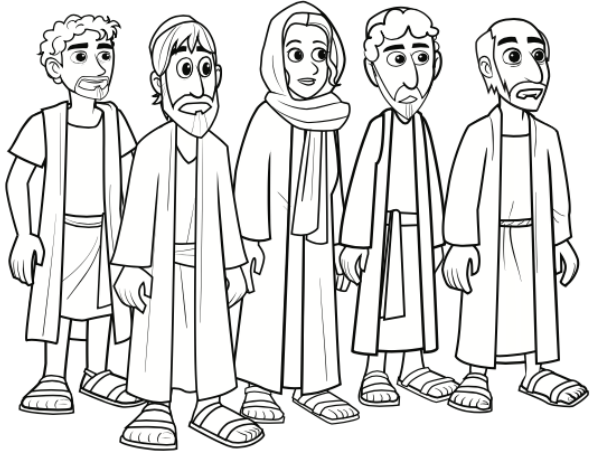
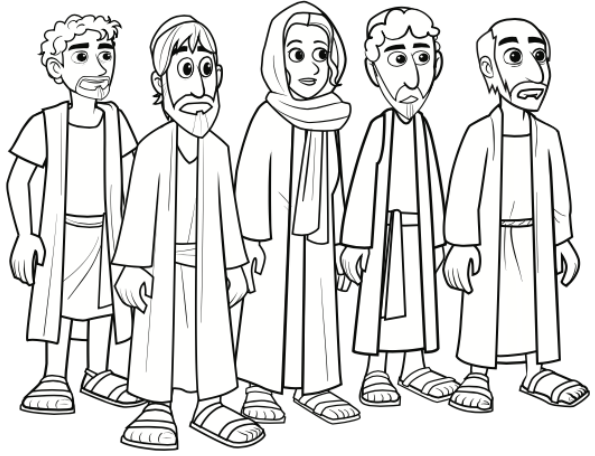
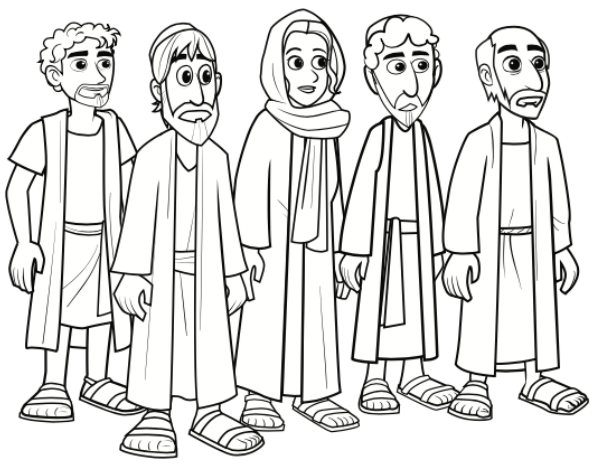
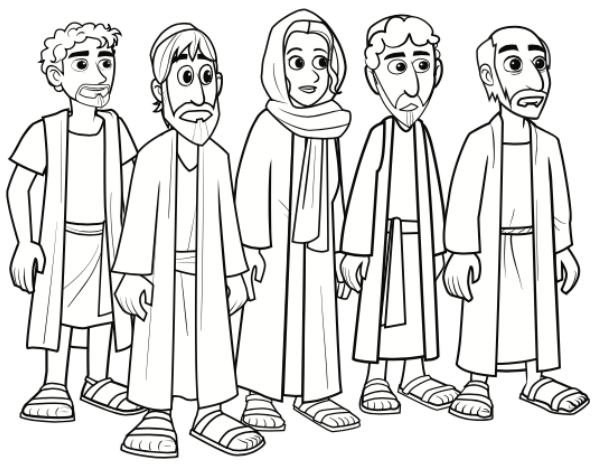
After the Activity: "Jesus loved Zacchaeus and wanted to be his friend even though he had done something wrong because **[Bottom line] Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone.** Yay! **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!**"

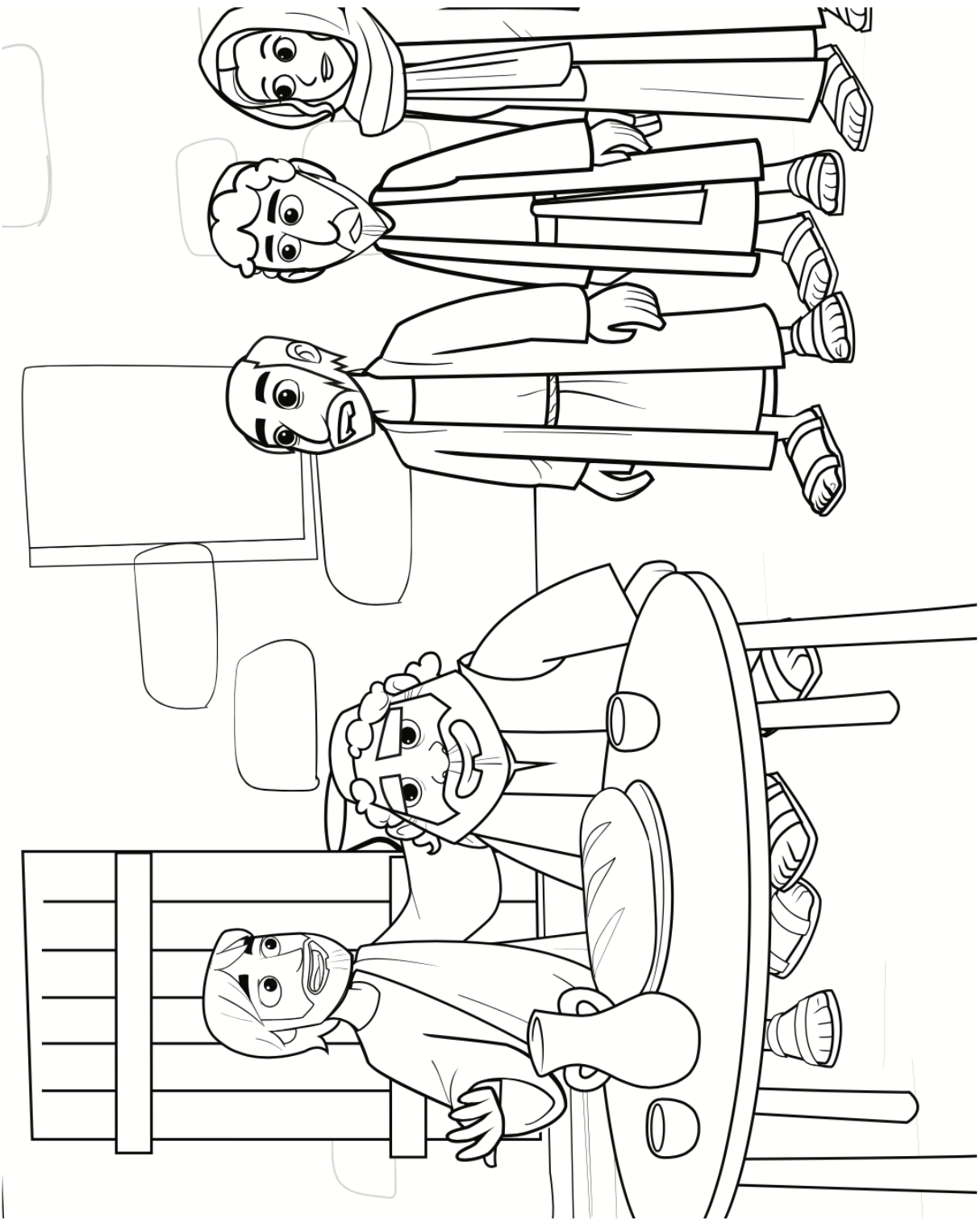


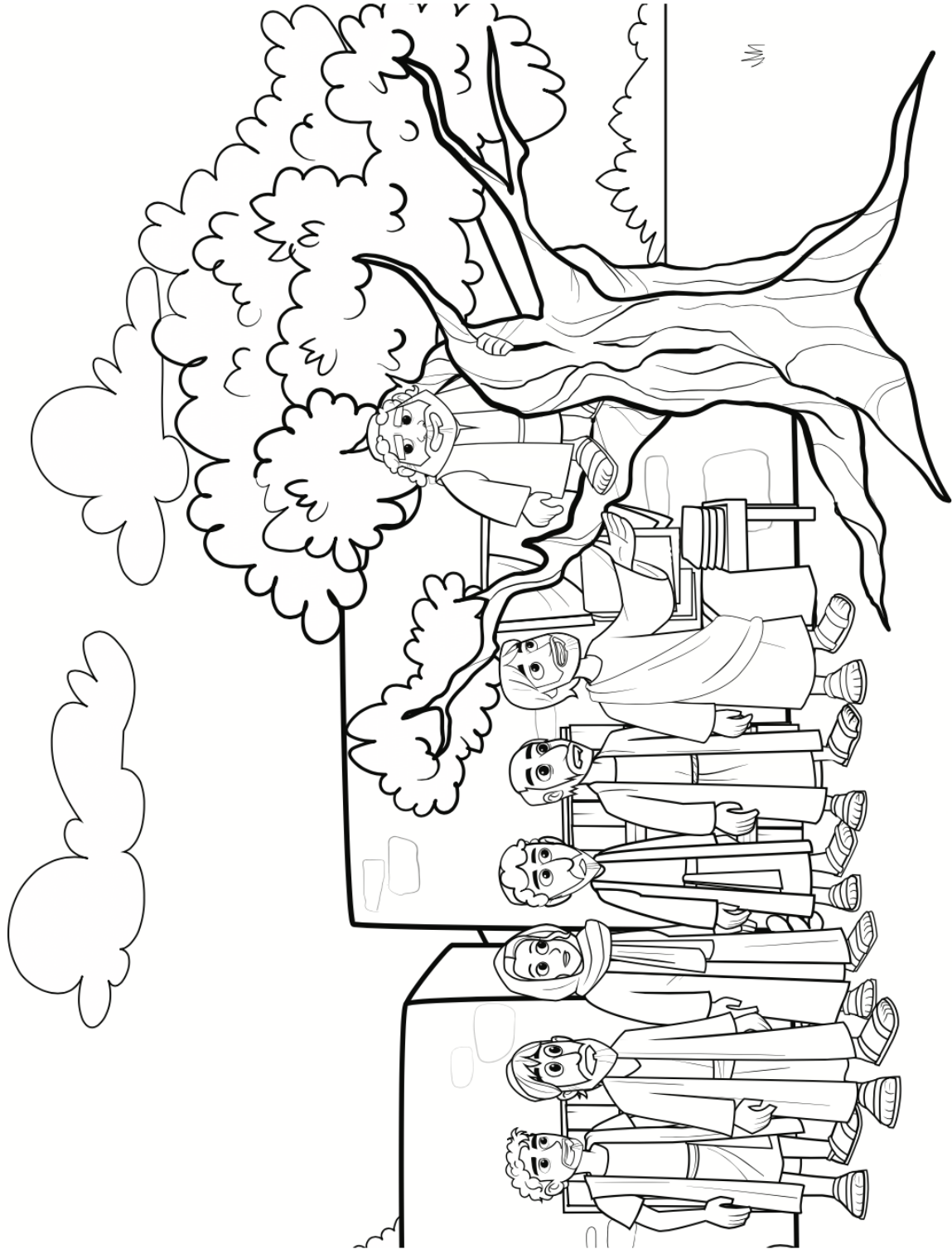


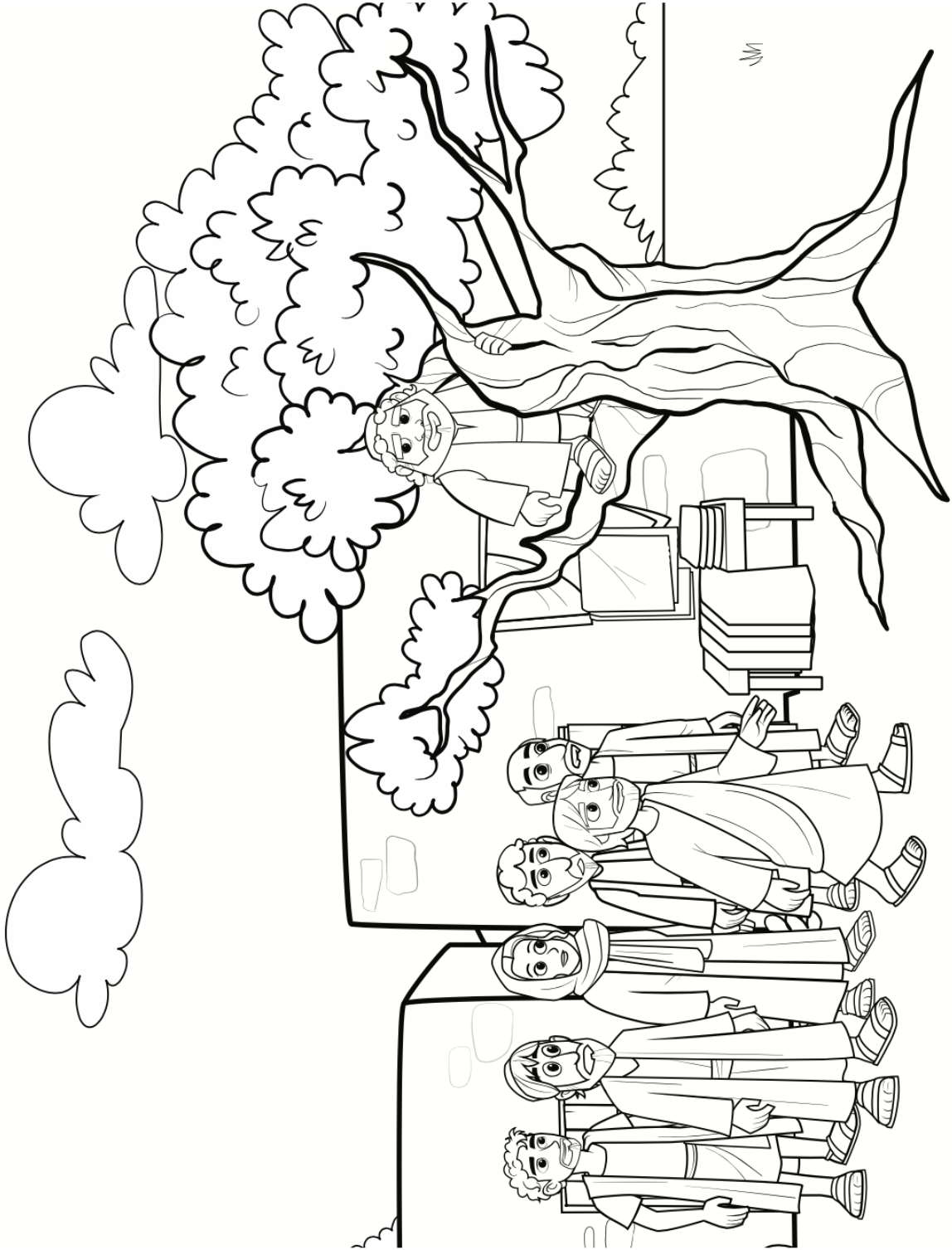


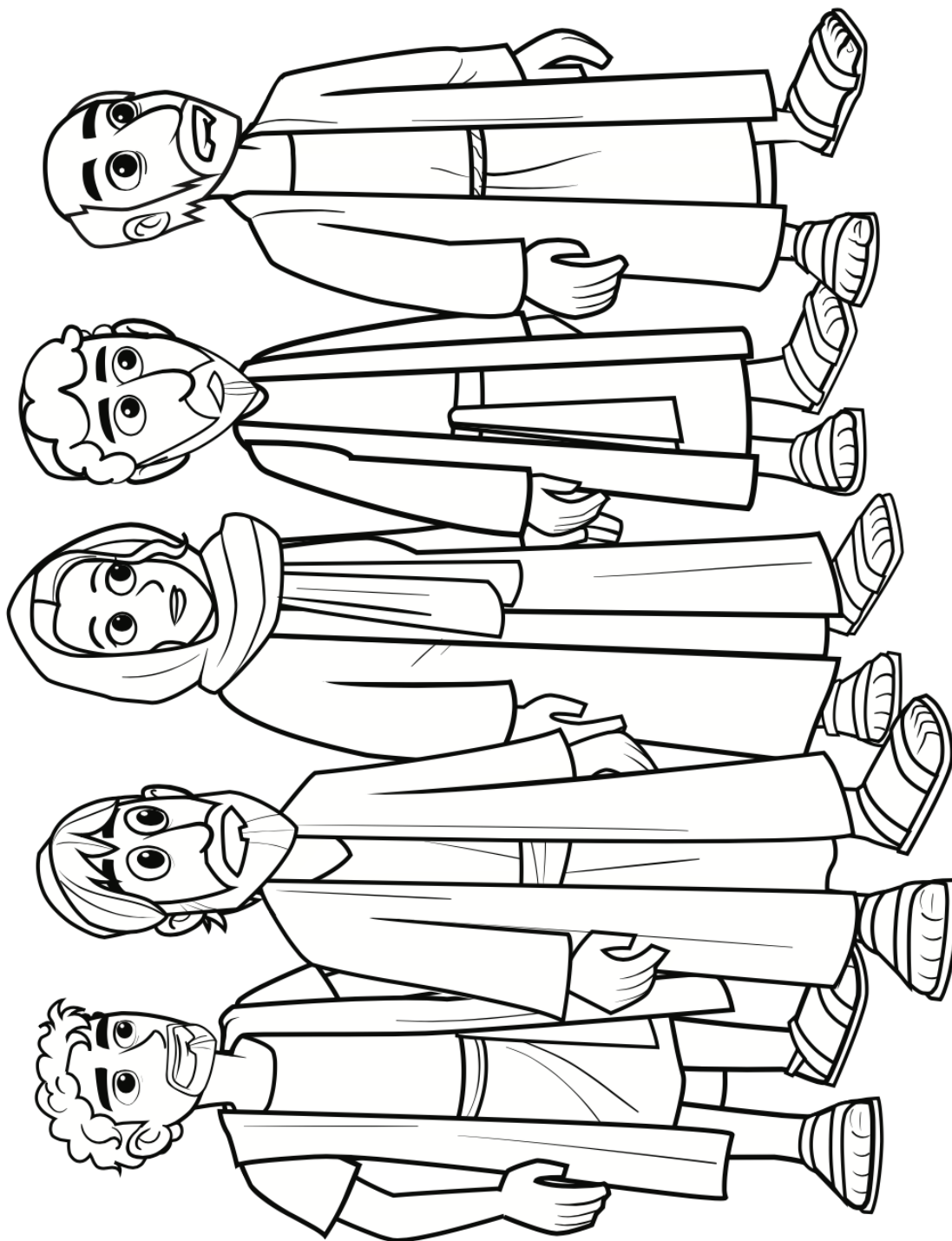
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Good Choice, Bad Choice

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather everyone to sit together in a circle.

During the Activity: Explain to your family that you will read a list of choices. If they think it's a good choice, they will stand up. If it's a bad choice, they will sit down. Call out the choices from the lists below in any order so that the children sit and stand alternately.

Good Choices:

You listened to your mom.
You helped in the kitchen.
You played with your baby brother.
You let your friend go first.
You used kind words.
You called your grandma.

Bad Choices:

You used unkind words.
You made a mess and didn't clean it up.
You ate a cookie without asking permission.
You pushed your brother.
You took a toy from another friend.
You pitched a big fit when your mom said it was time for bed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "I will call out a choice. Some choices are good, and some are bad choices. If it's a good choice, I want you to stand up. If it's a bad choice, I want you to sit down. Ready? Let's go."

After the Activity: "Great listening, friends. We all make good choices and bad choices. Just like Zacchaeus from our Bible story, sometimes we make bad choices that we know are wrong. But Jesus still loved Zacchaeus. That's because **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone.**"