



PRISONS WEEK 2009 RESOURCES

ZACCHAEUS DRAMATIC SKETCH

Zacchaeus: Out of his tree and out to lunch

Drama script written by Mike Geaney based on Luke 19:1-9

Once – a long, long time ago
Jesus came to Jericho,
An ancient town whose very wall
The horns of Joshua caused to fall.

But the Son of Man came into town
To turn the people upside down,
To visit sinners, the sick, the poor,
And show self-righteous men the door.

Here comes Jesus down the street
With friends bemoaning tired feet.
His reputation travelling faster;
A crowd soon forms around their Master.

Here comes Zaccheus at a dash.
He's short on everything but cash!
This chief of taxmen's so darn small
He can't see through the crowd at all!

He prods and shoves, they pay no mind.
They blank the one who's robbed them blind.
'Come on!' 'Get lost!' 'Get off my back!'
They just ignore our little Zac.

But little Zac – he still can't see,
And so decides to climb a tree.
He thinks he might just spy out more
Sitting atop a sycamore.

So there sits Zac on leafy perch.
The crowd continue to besmirch
This nasty man who takes their cash;
They wish that he would fall down – crash!

See, though reviled and full of sin,
Jesus finds the time for him.
Though far from God, there is no doubt:
This Jesus guy can sort him out!

Jesus enters stage left and introduces himself to the audience, bowing etc.

Jesus mimes walking across stage with followers behind.

Jesus walks centre stage. Followers mime sore feet before becoming 'wall' of crowd facing away from audience. Jesus continues to stage left.

Zac, carrying a money bag, enters from stage right between 'wall' audience and starts jumping up and down.

Zac continues, obviously frustrated. 'Wall' refuses to move or let him through. Occasional angry glances over shoulders.

(chair – stage right) and climbs up, now smiling. Zac peering over crowd (hand over eyes)

'Wall' looks angry, gesturing excitedly. Jesus walks stage left to centre stage.

Jesus now under tree, looking up. Zac looks unsure.

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<p>Zaccheus spots that down below Stands Jesus, with his friends in tow. 'Hey, Zac, get down from there,' says he, 'And take me home to have some tea.'</p> <p>On hearing this from Jesus' lips, Zac takes him home for fish and chips. As Zac and Jesus wander past, An angry crowd now stands aghast.</p> <p>The rabbi's lost his head, they say, As Zac and Jesus walk away. He's heading for a house of sin Why ever would he go with him?</p> <p>The Pharisees in particular Zac Feel Jesus had now gone too far. They think that he's been led astray In giving Zac the time of day.</p> <p>But Jesus came specific'lly To save old Zac and men like he Whose tarnished souls viewed from above Are needful of God's healing love.</p> <p>Look at Zac now – you'll be so shocked: His life by Jesus is totally rocked! 'To those I've cheated and money lack, I give you four times over back!'</p> <p>Zac runs about and jumps for joy And capers like a little boy, And all since Jesus came to tea – His love and power has set Zac free.</p> <p>So that's the tale of long ago When Jesus came to Jericho And changed the life of Zac the sinner By coming round his house for dinner.</p>	<p><i>Zac shrugs, comes down to Jesus through the 'wall' which parts to let them pass.</i></p> <p><i>Zac and Jesus walk downstage. Crowd angry Zac and Jesus walk stage left.</i></p> <p><i>Crowd angrier – then freeze.</i></p> <p><i>All freeze.</i></p> <p><i>Zac spun around and shaken by Jesus.</i></p> <p><i>Zac throws money at the 'wall'.</i></p> <p><i>Zac runs around the stage happily, shaking hands with Jesus, the 'wall' – and the audience.</i></p> <p><i>All freeze.</i></p>
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