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3 STORIES IN 1 BOOK

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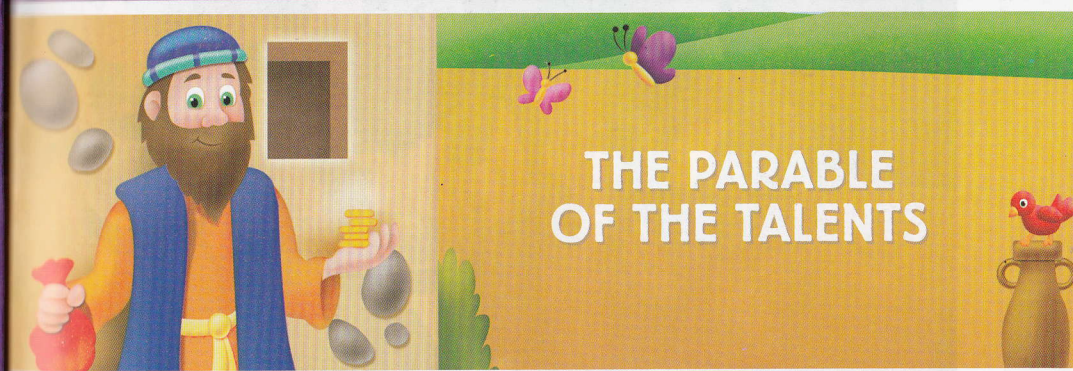


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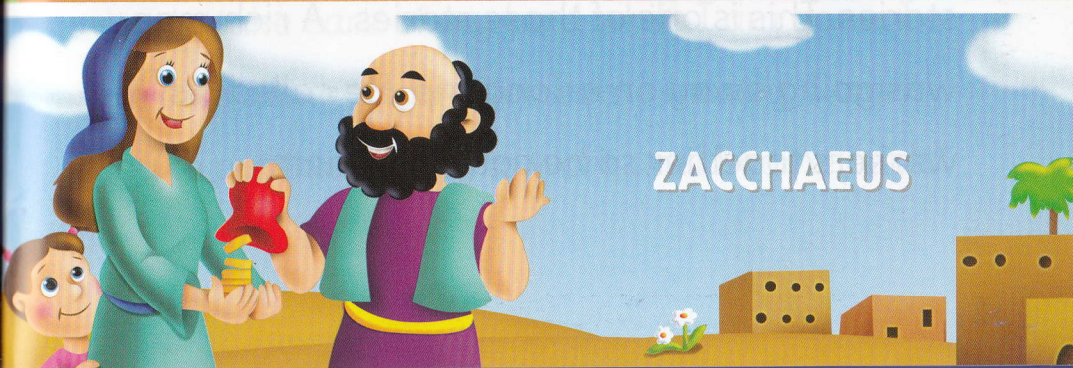
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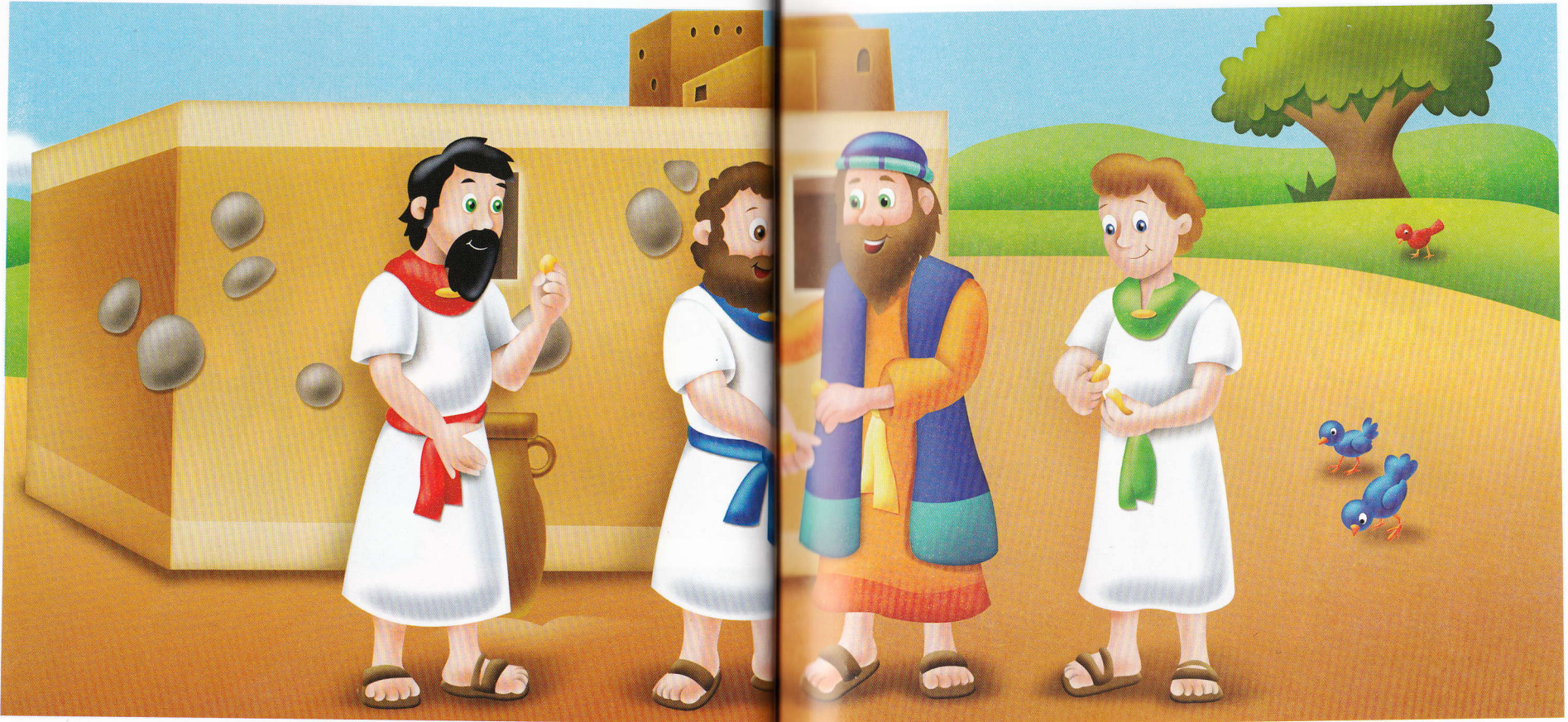
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He gave five pieces of money called talents to the first man. He gave two talents to the second man. He gave one talent to the third man. He said, "Take care of my money." Then he left.

The men knew their boss worked hard for his money. Each one thought about how he would take care of his land. They also thought about how to take care of the money.



The first man invested his five talents in business. The second man did the same. The third man went to a field. He dug a hole and buried his talent to keep it safe until his boss returned home.

The first man made five talents from the talents he invested. The second man said, "I made two talents from my two talents." "Good job!" said the first man. But the third man did not say anything.



The rich man returned home. He called his men. "Tell me how things went while I was gone." The first two men showed their boss the talents they earned. "I am proud of you. I will give you more."



The third man showed his boss the one talent. "You wicked, lazy man. Give your talent to the man who earned the most with hard work. I expected you to work and harvest more."

THE GOOD SAMARITAN



When Jesus taught the people, they asked him questions. Sometimes instead of answering, Jesus would tell the people a story. This is one of those stories. The question was, "Who is my neighbor?"



A man was traveling along the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Robbers hid, waiting for people to come along. The man did not suspect any harm. He walked closer and closer. The robbers jumped out!



The robbers stole all of the man's belongings. Then they beat him and left him. The man lay at the side of the road, alone. No one passed for a while. The man thought that he would die there.



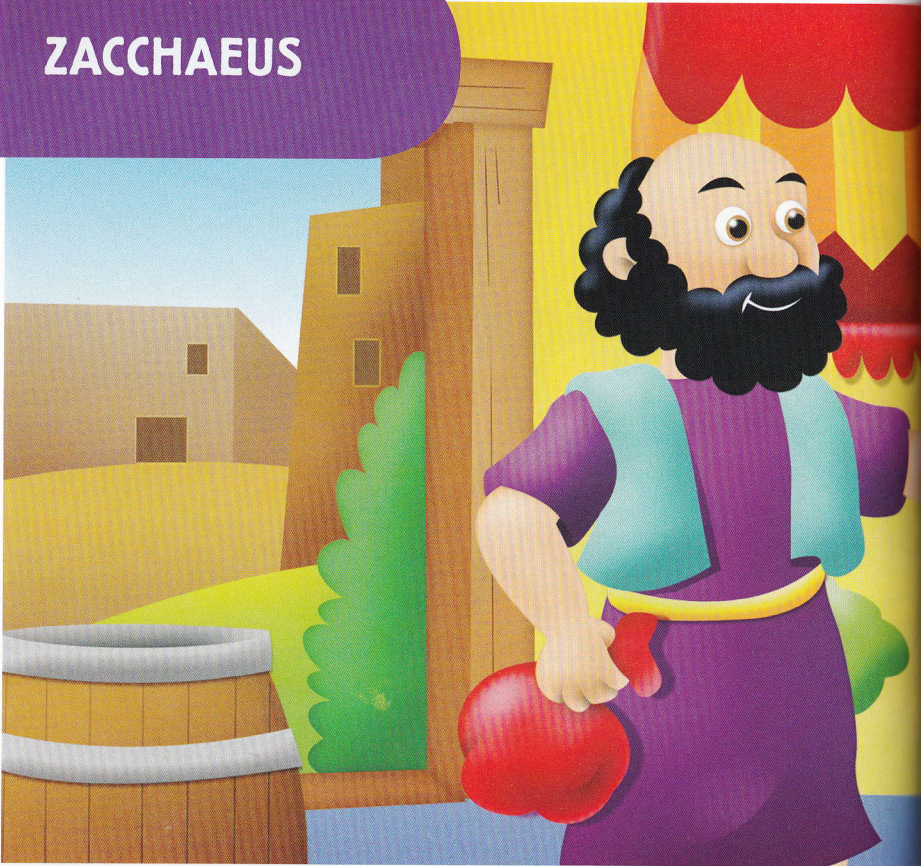
First, a priest came along. "I am too busy to stop," he thought. Then a Levite passed by. "I will act like I never saw the injured man," he thought. He crossed to the other side of the road. The man grew weaker as time passed.



A Samaritan found the man. "Drink this," said the Samaritan. "I will help you." He lifted the hurt man and took him to an inn. The Samaritan paid the innkeeper, and then later returned to make sure the man recovered.

Jesus finished telling the people this story. He asked, "Who do you think was the good neighbor to the man who fell victim to the robbers?" Someone said, "The man who had mercy." Jesus said, "Go and be like him."

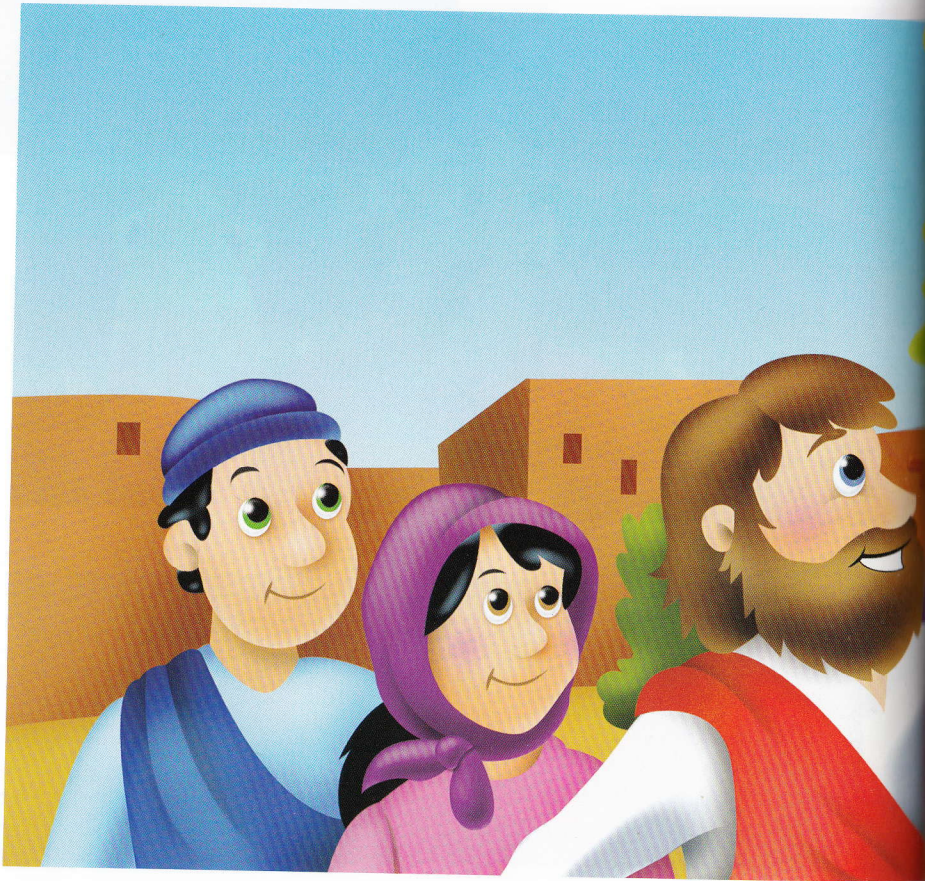
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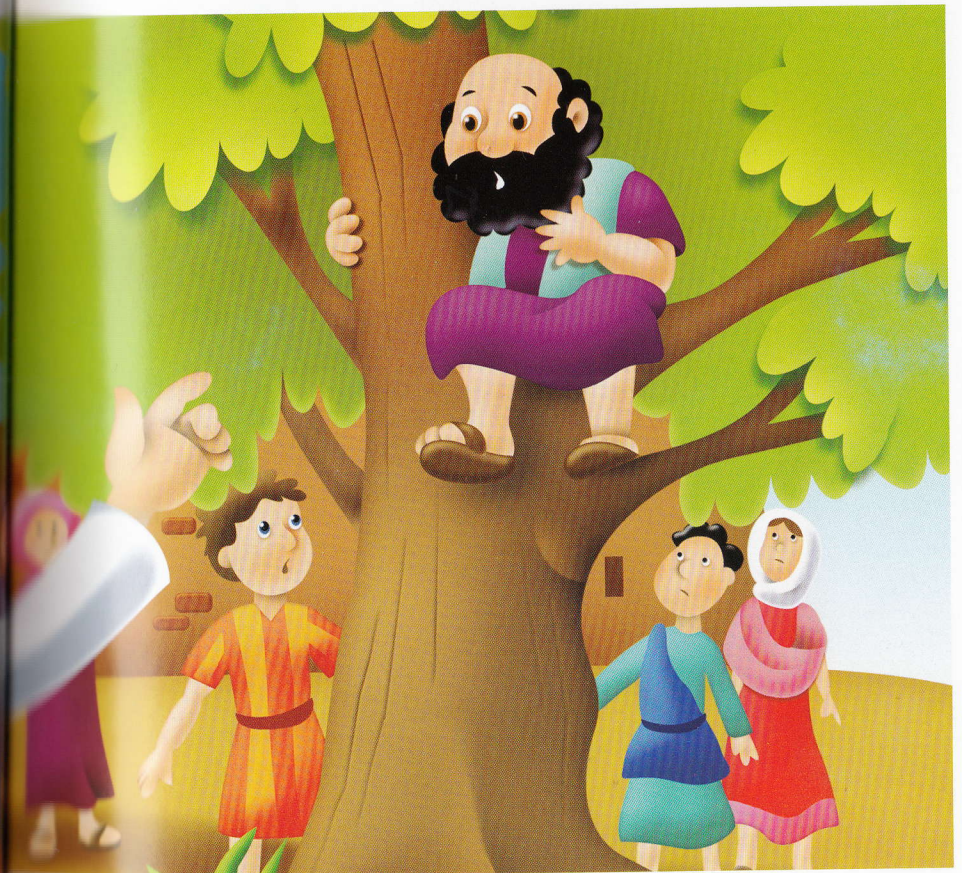
Zacchaeus had the job of tax collector. He made sure people paid taxes to the Romans. Sometimes tax collectors acted like bullies. They took extra money. This made other people dislike tax collectors very much.



Zacchaeus lived in Jericho. Sometimes he took more money than he should have. He kept the money for himself. He lived a rich life. Most people in Jericho did not like Zacchaeus. They felt like he was a sinner.



One day, Jesus was passing through Jericho. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. Crowds stood in the way. Zacchaeus was a short man, so he ran ahead. Then he climbed a tree so he could see Jesus.



Jesus stopped and said, "Come down, Zacchaeus. I want to stay at your house today." Some people began to grumble. They couldn't believe it. One said, "Is Jesus going to stay at the house of a sinner?"



Zacchaeus climbed down from the tree and welcomed Jesus with joy. Zacchaeus was excited. He felt Jesus' warmth and love. Something very special happened at Zacchaeus's house that day.



Zacchaeus said, "Today I am giving half of my wealth to the poor. I will pay back all the people I cheated four times over."

Jesus said, "You were lost, Zacchaeus. But now you have become a saved man."