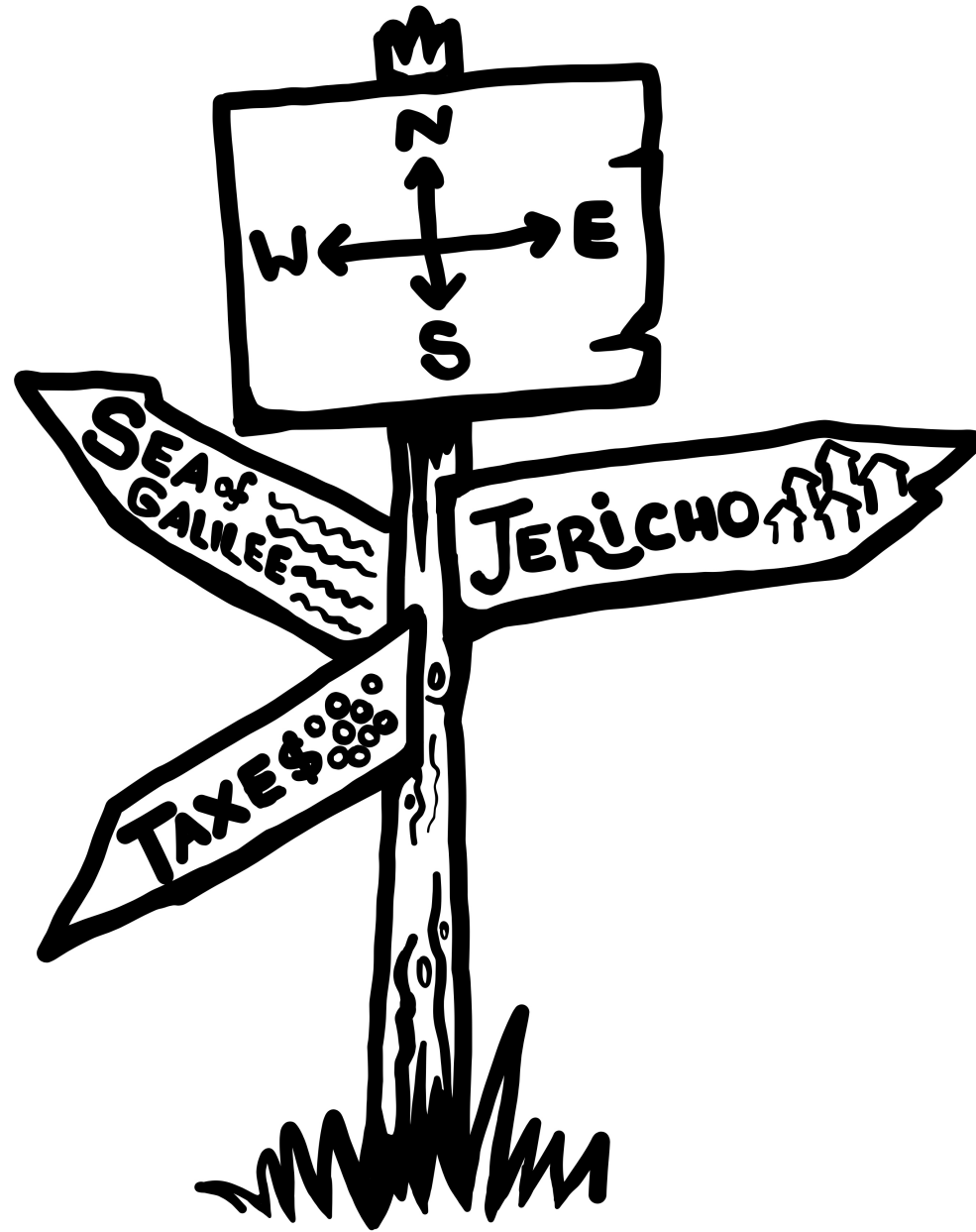


1 Jesus was going through Jericho, where a man named Zacchaeus lived. He was in charge of collecting taxes and was very rich.



## Play a game of “Signpost”

Your leader will stand in the middle of the playing area and be the ‘sign post’ calling out directions. See the key below to know what to do on each direction.

North – run North

South – run South

East –run East

West - Run west

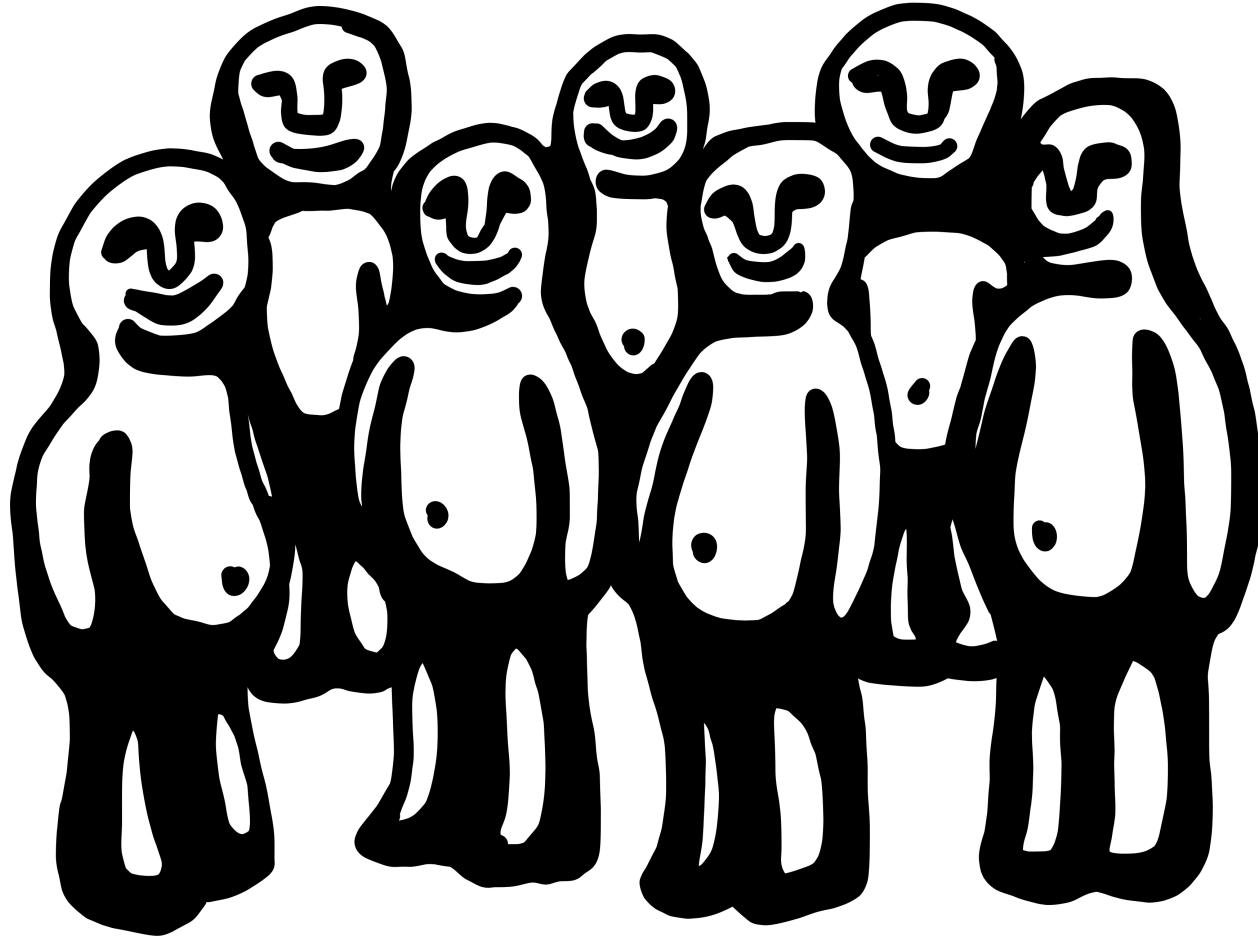
Jericho – make a roof over your head in straight lines of ‘houses’

Sea of Galilee- Make wavy arms

Collect the taxes –run and tag as many people as possible

2.

Jesus was heading his way, and Zacchaeus wanted to see what he was like. But Zacchaeus was a short man and could not see over the crowd.

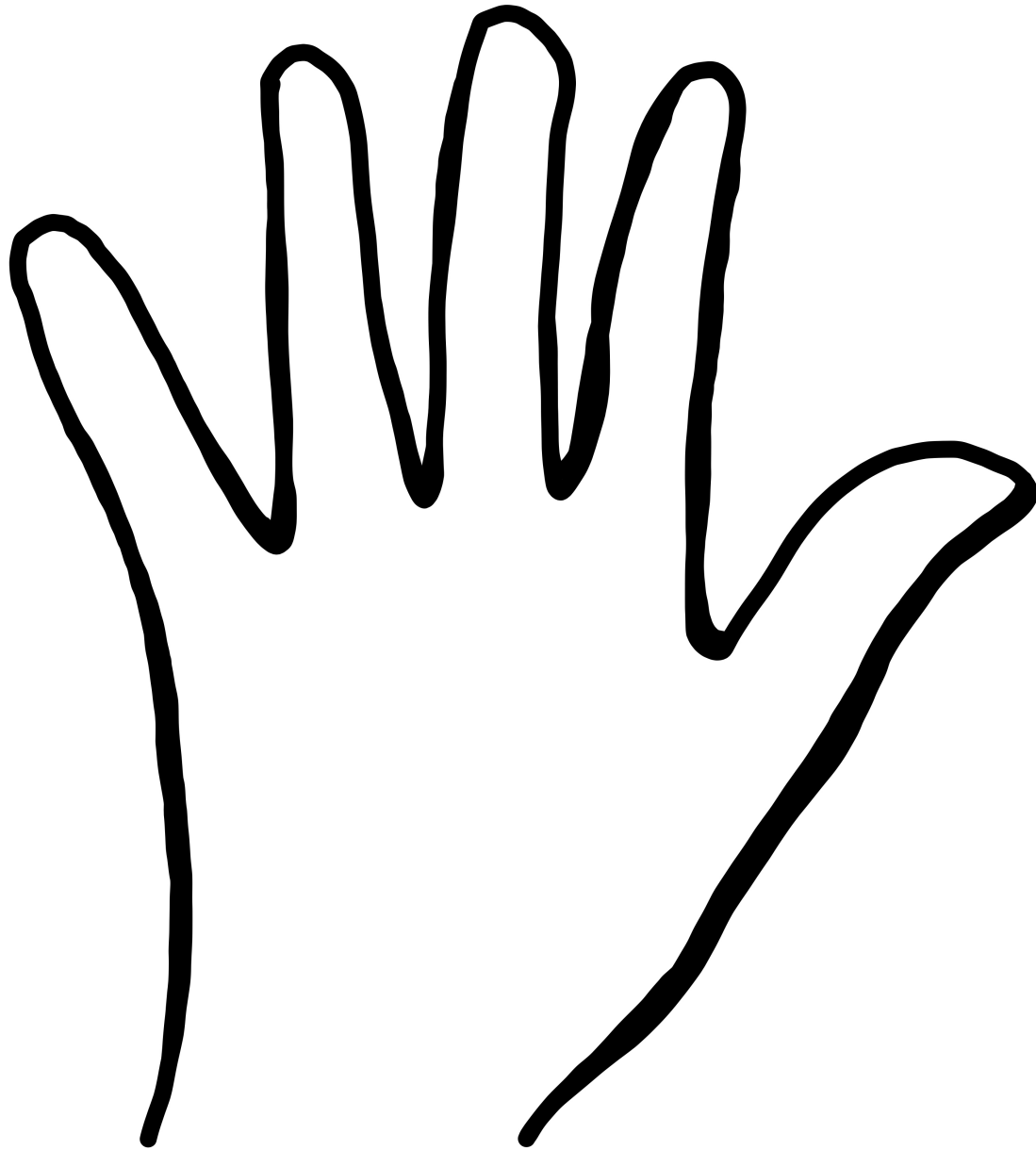


Zaccheus was not tall enough to see over the crowd, and the crowd didn't like him and wouldn't let him in front.

Here's a crowd of Jelly people to eat as you find out the rest of the story.

**3.**

So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree. When Jesus got there, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down! I want to stay with you today."

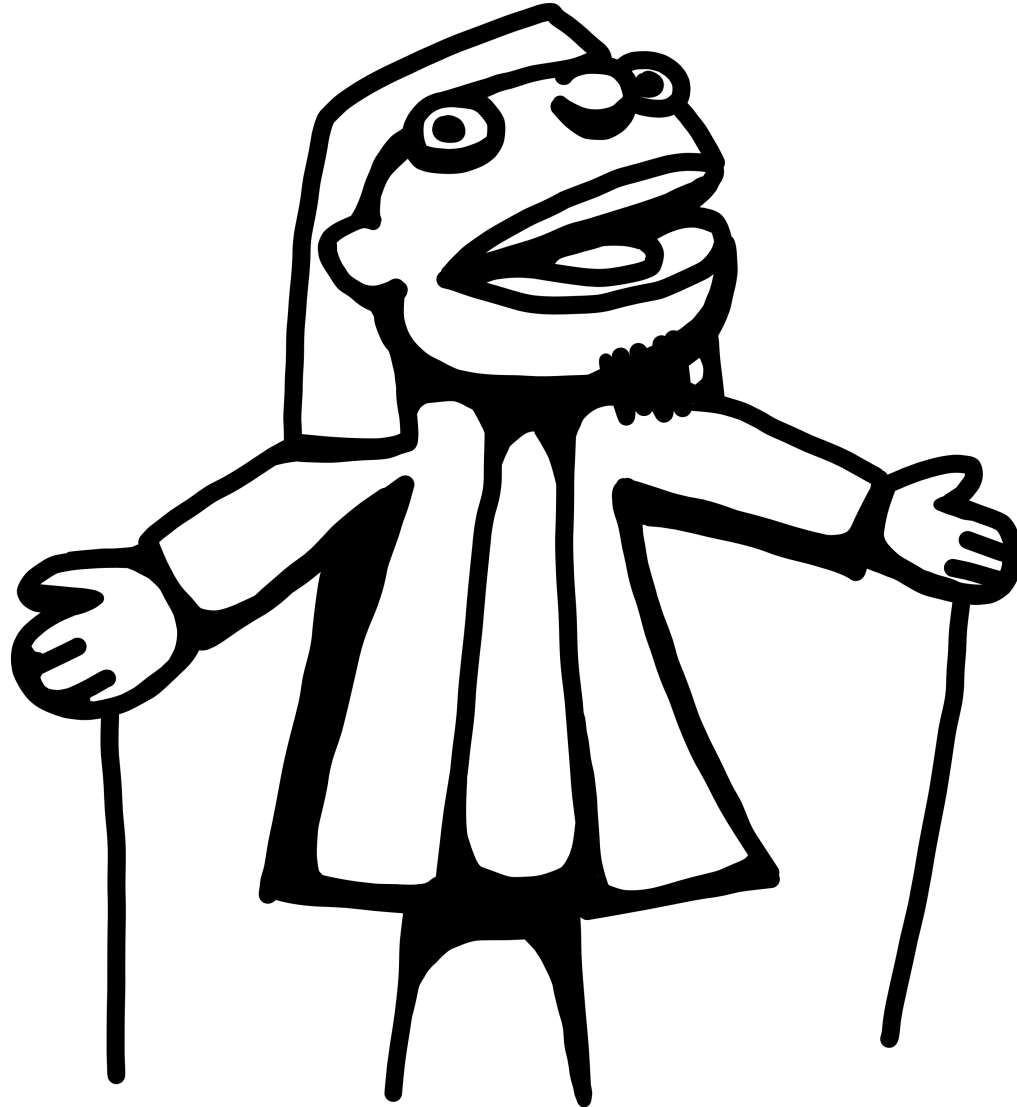


Use chalk to trace around each person's hand on the trunk or low branches of the tree, so the tree is covered in hand prints.

4.

Zacchaeus  
hurried down  
and gladly  
welcomed  
Jesus.

Everyone who  
saw this  
started  
grumbling,  
"This man  
Zacchaeus is a  
sinner! And  
Jesus is going  
home to eat  
with him."



Carefully get the Zaccheus  
Puppet out of the tree. Take  
turns at acting out the story  
with the Puppet, and with  
the rest of the group taking  
the part of the other  
characters.

5. Later that day Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "I will give half of my property to the poor. And I will now pay back four times as much to everyone I have ever cheated." Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today you and your family have been saved, because you are a true son of Abraham. The Son of Man came to look for and to save people who are lost."



Lots of things changed for Zacchaeus when Jesus came for dinner. See if you can spot the changes in these pictures....and then think about what changed for Zacchaeus.



Spot the Difference  
Scene 2