

Scripture reference: The Man who didn't have any Friends: Zacchaeus

Story summary: Zacchaeus was a rich tax collector and was not liked by many people. Zacchaeus met Jesus and Jesus helped him changed his life around. Jesus gave him a new heart.

Optional Lesson Strengthening: I have something I'd like to give you today. Would you like that? So here it is: I'm giving you each a special heart! Here you go... (Bring out crumpled up paper hearts and pass them around). What beautiful hearts! Do you like them? (Allow for disappointment or responses). I guess those hearts aren't really pretty, are they? Hmm...well, how about if I give you a new heart! I will trade you in that old crumpled heart for a nice clean brand new one! Would that be better? All you have to do is give me your heart, and I'll swap it for a better one.... (Allow students to change out their hearts) Great! So, that might have seemed a bit strange, but did you know that's what God does for our lives? He is in the heart changing business. This is not about a card, and it's not about your physical heart, like a transplant where you need to have your body cut open. A changed heart is about your attitude and motivation on the inside. It's about how you think and feel. When you know Jesus and what He's done for you, it really changes things for the better! So in today's story, we talked about a man named Zacchaeus. Do you know anything about him? (Allow students to share brief details about the story).*

Activities:

What you need:

- Template
- Colouring in crayons or pencils
- Erasor

Further discussion: Zaccheaus encountered Jesus by seeking after Him. Jesus, seeing his heart, came to him. When we seek God, we will find Him. What are some ways we can seek after God in our lives?

Resources*:

<https://ministry-to-children.com/zacchaeus-sermon/>

Pre-primary

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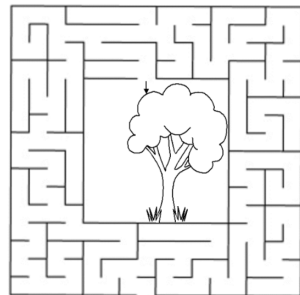


Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see Jesus

Gr 1-2

Zacchaeus Maze

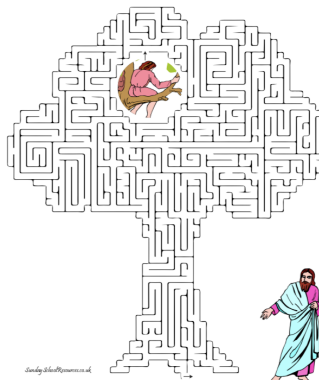
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Gr 3-4

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

Help Zacchaeus climb down from the tree so he can meet Jesus!



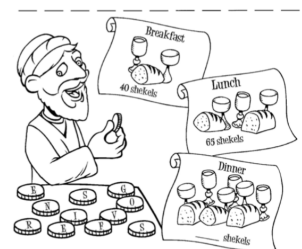
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Gr 4-5

ZACCHAEUS

Luke 19:1-10

The Challenge Unscramble the letters on Zacchaeus's coins to find a word that tells a way God shows love for us. Write the letters on the blank lines. (Hint: It's something Zacchaeus experienced!)



The Super Challenge Zacchaeus bought: 2 goblets of water and a loaf of bread for breakfast. He paid 40 shekels. At lunchtime he bought 2 goblets of water and 2 loaves of bread. Lunch cost him 65 shekels. How much did a goblet of water cost? How much did he pay for dinner?

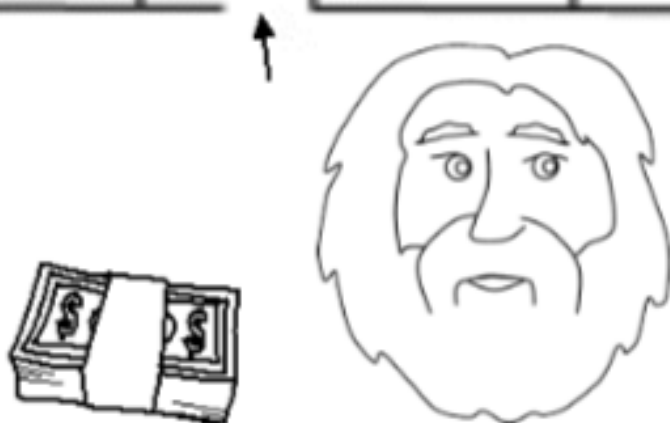
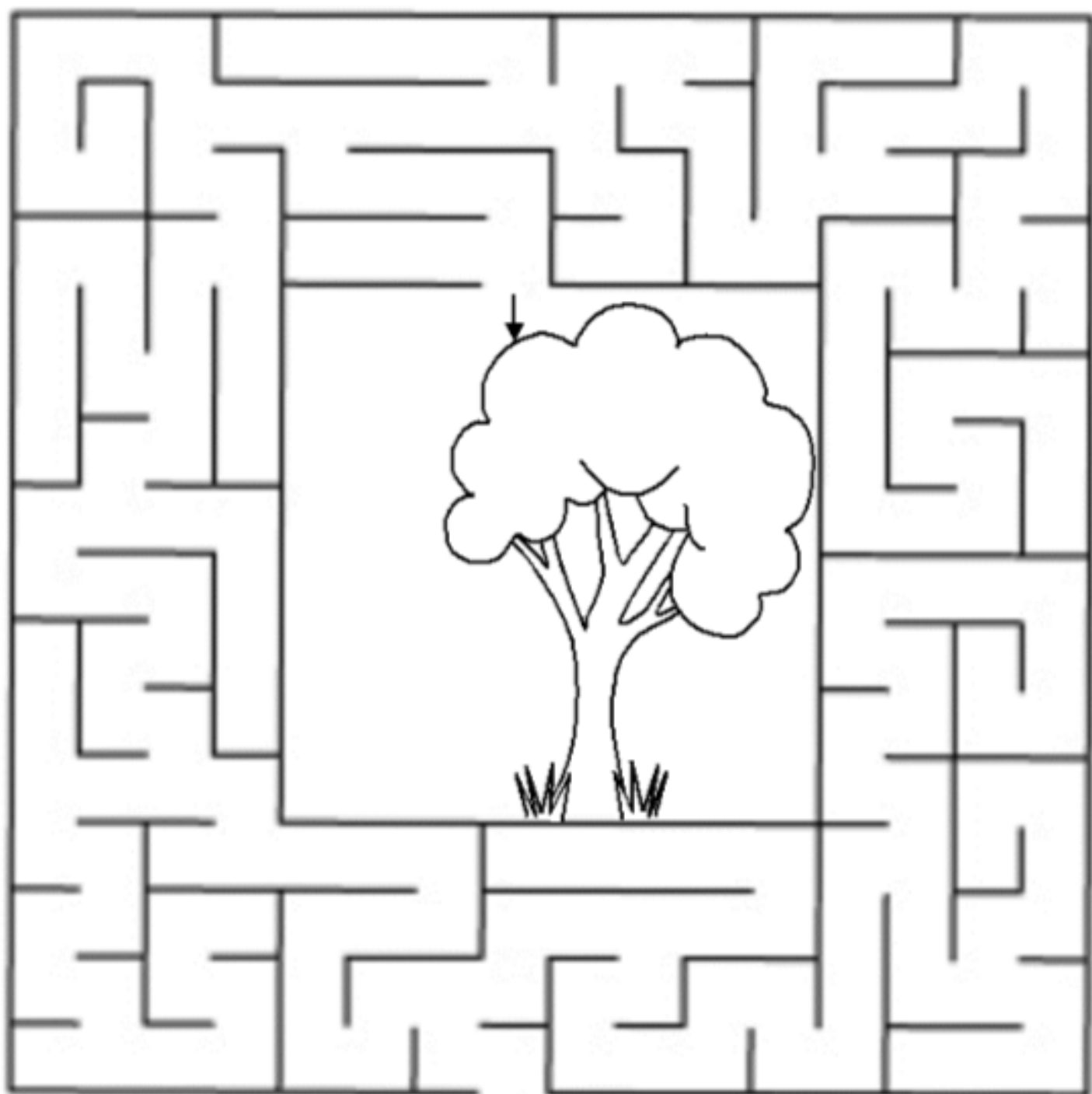
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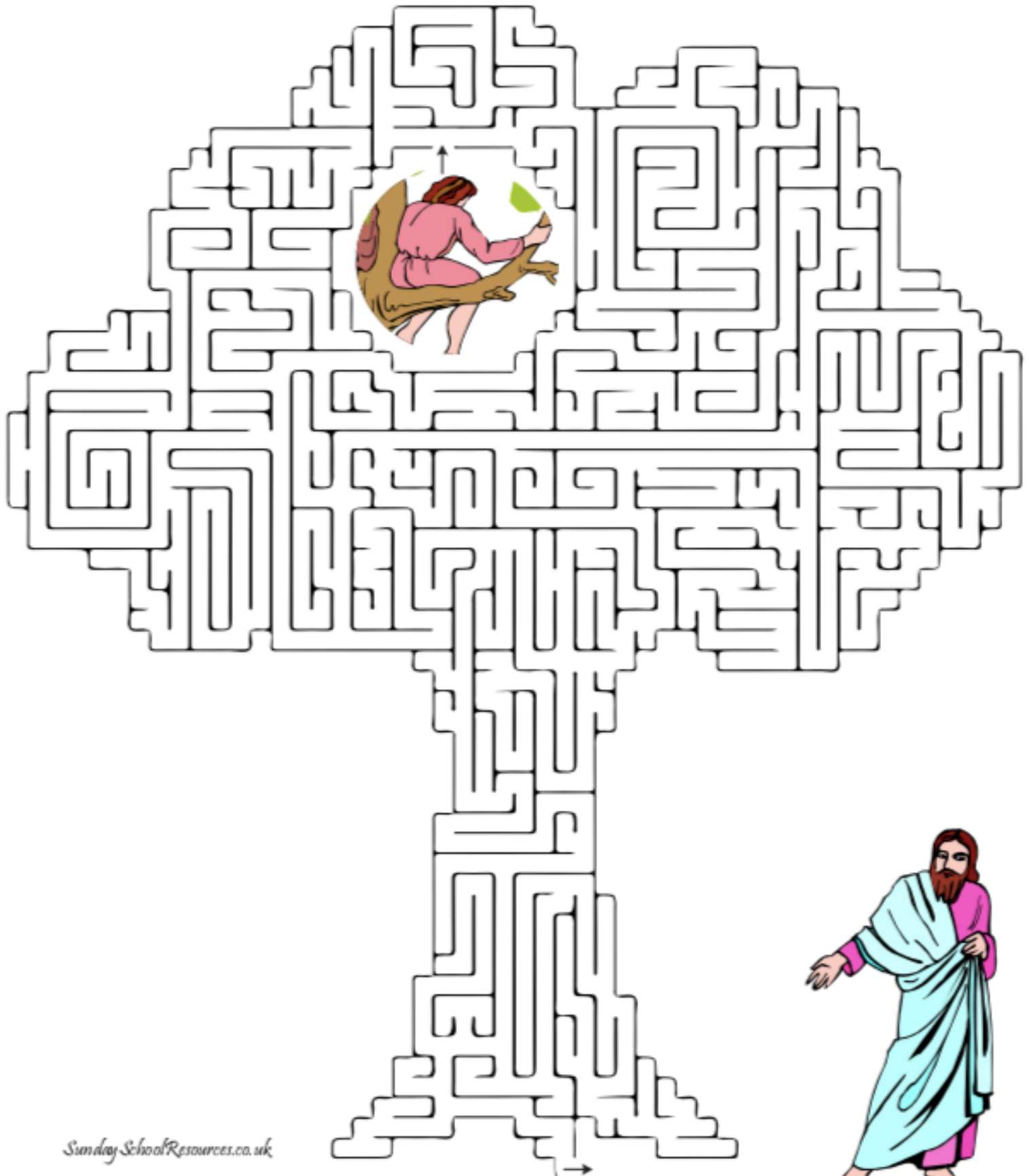
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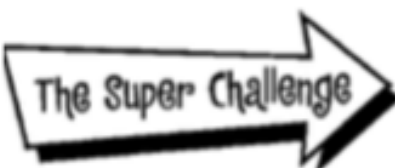
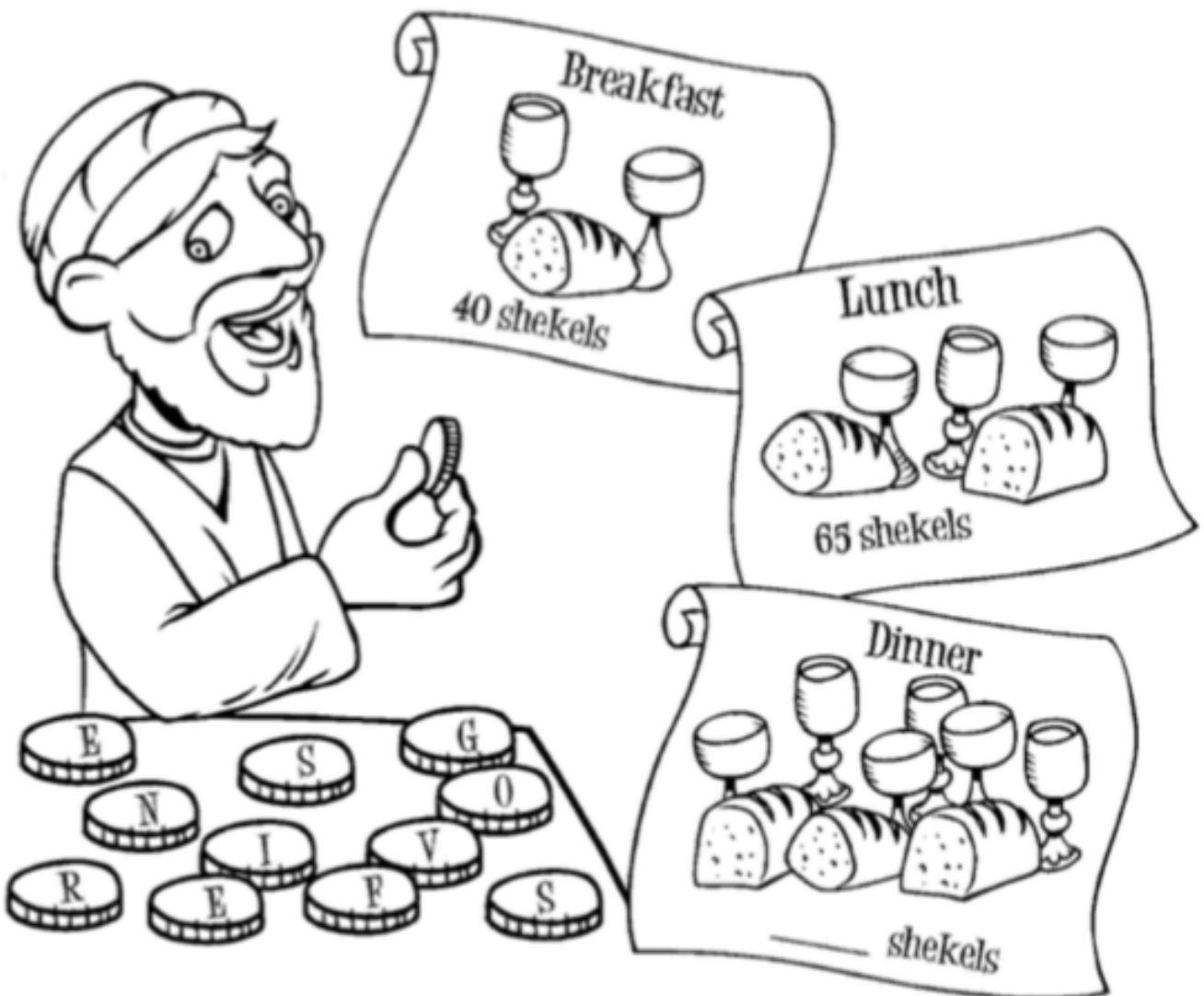


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How much did a goblet of water cost? _____

How much did he pay for dinner? _____