

Christ and Zacchaeus

Erasmus Quellinus (I), 1660, ink on paper, Rijks Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands



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Prayerfully look at the above picture and quietly reflect and answer questions together. Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

Let's pray together:

Dear God, as we look at this beautiful work of art, help us always to look for you.

Look carefully at this picture. (Pause.)

Notice Jesus; he is looking up in the tree, calling someone whose name is Zacchaeus.

Do you see Zacchaeus in the tree? (Pause.)

- Zacchaeus climbed up in the tree so that he could see Jesus in the crowd.
- We don't need to climb a tree to see Jesus; we only need to pray to him and listen.
- If we do something wrong, we should always say "I'm sorry" and ask forgiveness. Jesus will always forgive us if we are sorry, just like he forgave Zacchaeus.

Dear Jesus, thank you for teaching us that we can pray to you anytime we want to talk or listen, especially if we want to say we are sorry. Amen.