



Hello Messy Church,

Great to be back with you for another week. We trust you are all keeping well and we long for the day when we can all be back at Messy Church at All Saints, or High Cross. However, till then we shall continue to meet with the help of the internet.

This week we are looking at the story of when Jesus met with Zacchaeus. This is a story of someone who was cheating on those he collected the taxes from, and this led to shock and surprise from the community when Jesus chose to go and eat in his house. However, the result of the meal was transformational for the life of Zacchaeus! We hope you enjoy your time at Messy church this week.

If you need to make contact with us, then please do – we would love to hear from you.

Bye for now

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## 1. Money Tree

You will need: A3 piece of paper with a drawn outline of a sycamore tree with trunk and branches; brown and green card; scissors; glue sticks; a variety of coins to act as templates; pencils

Draw around real coins to create card versions which should be cut out. Cover the outline of the tree with these card coins – using brown for the trunk and branches and green for the leaves.

Talk about Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus – he wanted something more than money. We often joke that ‘money doesn’t grow on trees’, and indeed the excessive spending plans of governments are often mocked because they depend on some sort of ‘magic money tree’. What things can money not buy?



## 2. Money Biscuits

You will need: packets of round biscuits – can be different sizes; icing sugar; water; yellow food colouring; teaspoons; plates; cocktail sticks; edible

decorations Prepare the icing with the water, icing sugar and food colouring so that it is fairly thick.

Use the back of a teaspoon to smooth the icing on to your biscuits. Use a cocktail stick to engrave your biscuits with monetary values for different sorts of coins, or use edible decorations. If you have enough differently sized biscuits, maybe you can create on a paper plate the shape of a person. This could be 'Mr MoneyBags' Zacchaeus, who gives away his money when he meets with Jesus. Talk about what you think Jesus and Zacchaeus talked about when Jesus came to Zacchaeus' house for tea.



Enjoy!

### **3. Zacchaeus Video**

A video to tell the story we have been thinking about today at Messy Church.

<https://youtu.be/5BjtbJFz2ug>