

## Script for Two Actors or more

The Narrator has the biggest part here, so you could get your grown ups involved in this if they wanted to join in. If you've only got 2 people: have a Zacchaeus and a Narrator who will read all the other parts too. If there's more of you: first add Jesus, then a crowd, and if there's still more, you could split the Narrator's part into more than one.

Narrator: Zacchaeus was a wee little man,  
And a wee little man was he.  
He was hated and feared.  
No one wanted him near.  
He was Jericho's taxman, you see!

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,  
And a wee little man was he.  
For a few pennies more  
He'll cheat you for sure  
He'll do anything to increase his fee.

Wee little Zacchaeus, with chimpazee's style,  
Had climbed up a sycamore tree.

Zac: I'm just curious  
But the crowd might get furious  
If they saw me. So I'll hide here safely!

Narrator: Jesus looked down quite close to the ground,  
And failed to find his prey.  
A rustle. A cry.  
So Jesus looked high.  
The branches were starting to sway.

Jesus: So that's where you're hiding you wee little man.  
I'm hungry, and that's why I say:  
Put your feet on the ground.  
Zacchaeus! Come down!  
I'm eating at your house today.

Narrator: Zacchaeus was shocked. And you could have knocked  
The crowd over with a feather. And so,  
Honoured and humbled,  
He climbed down then stumbled  
Homeward, with Jesus in tow.  
  
The crowd muttered and moaned.

Crowd: A sinner!

Narrator: they groaned.

Crowd: A scoundrel, a swindler, a swine!  
It's a scandal, a curse.  
It couldn't be worse!  
Jesus sharing his bread and wine.

Narrator: They talked all through tea, what they said, no one knows.  
No keyhole to hear or peep through.  
But when they came out,  
Jesus said with a shout,

Jesus: Zacchaeus has now changed his view!

Zac: I'm different, I'm sorry. I'm forgiven. I'm saved.  
I'm brand-spanking, fresh-smelling new.  
I'm still rather small.  
But my heart's ten feet tall.  
And now I will prove it to you.  
  
To those that I've cheated,

Narrator: Said Zac with a smile,

Zac: I'll pay back times two – no, times four!  
And I've emptied my coffers.  
I've got some great offers  
For anyone out there who's poor.

Narrator: The people applauded. They couldn't believe it.

Crowd: He's gentle and kind as a dove!

Narrator: Jesus said with a grin,

Jesus: See, there's no one whose sin  
Takes him out of the reach of my love.

*Adapted from The Ballad of a Little Man by Bob Hartman*