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JESUS  
AND  
ZACCHEUS



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One day,  
Jesus  
passed  
through  
Jericho.  
This city  
had been  
destroyed by  
Joshua long  
ago.





Now it was  
rebuilt and  
many  
people  
lived  
there.  
Among  
them was a  
man named  
Zaccheus.





Probably the other people in Jericho did not like Zaccheus very much because he collected tax money from them.

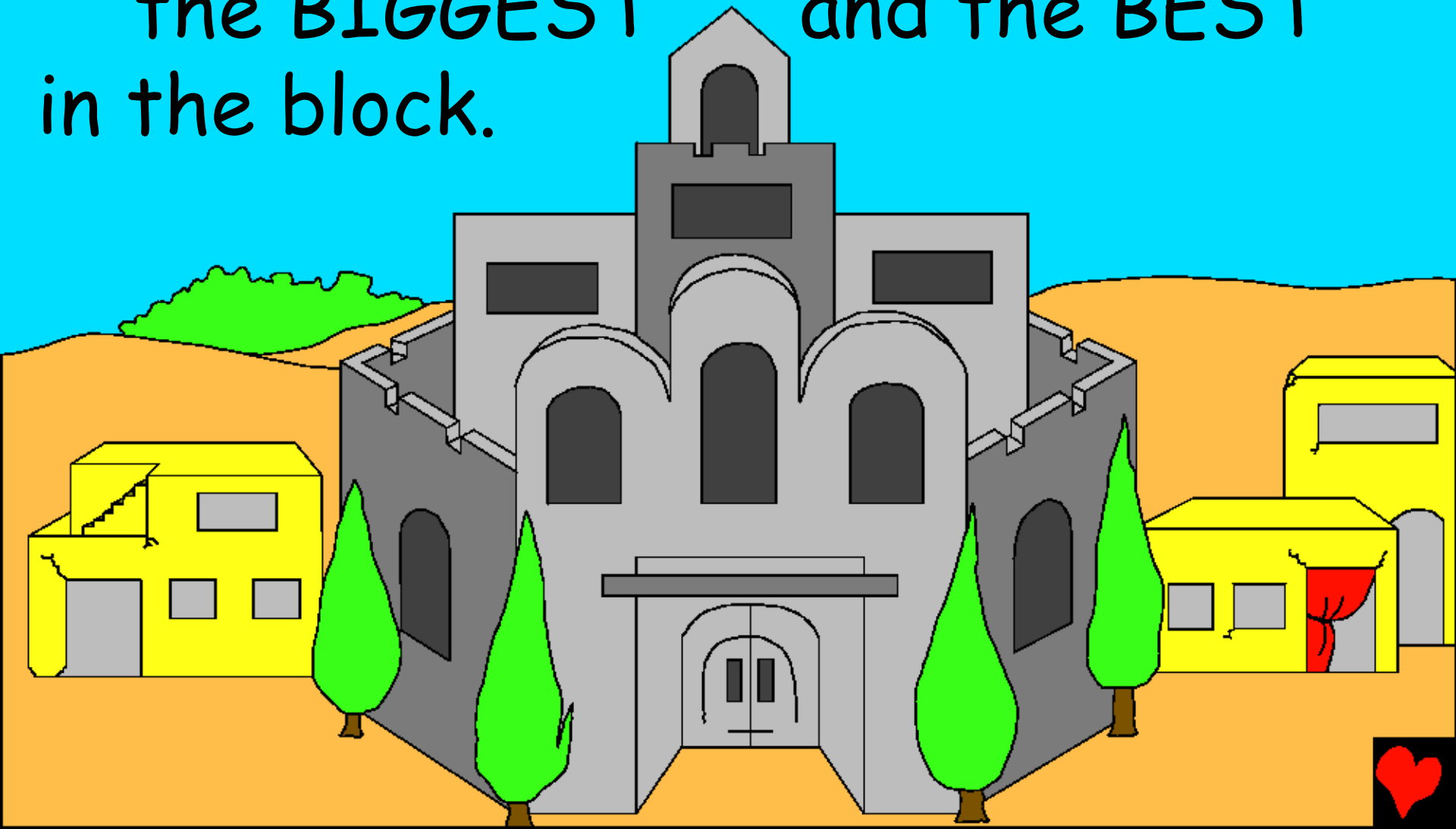




Zaccheus sent some of the money to the government - but kept a lot for himself.



Being a tax collector made Zaccheus very rich. His house may have been the **BIGGEST** and the **BEST** in the block.



But he was also very short - not short of money, but short of height. Zaccheus had never grown as tall as other people.







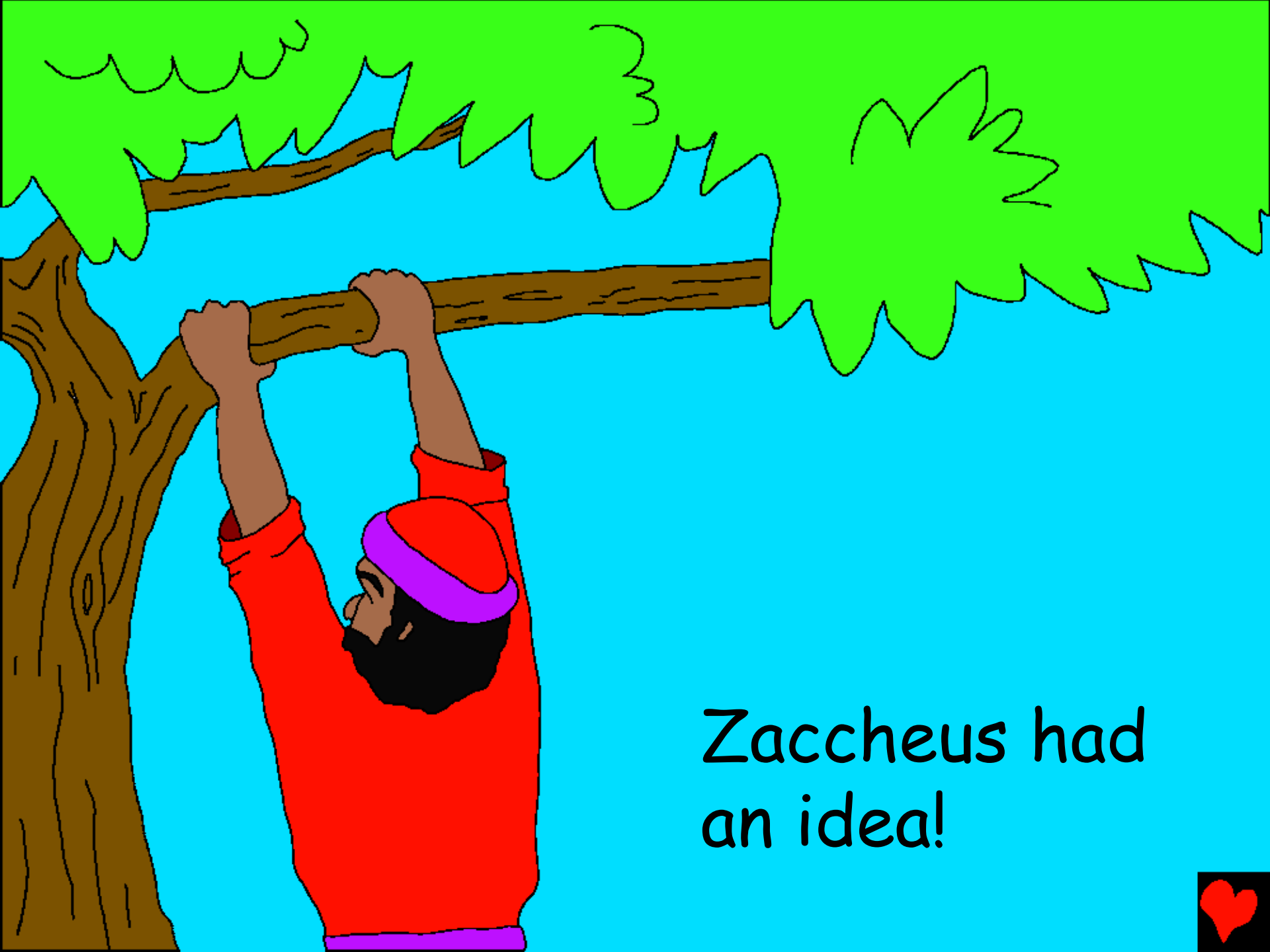
When Zaccheus heard that Jesus was in Jericho, the little tax collector wanted to see the ...





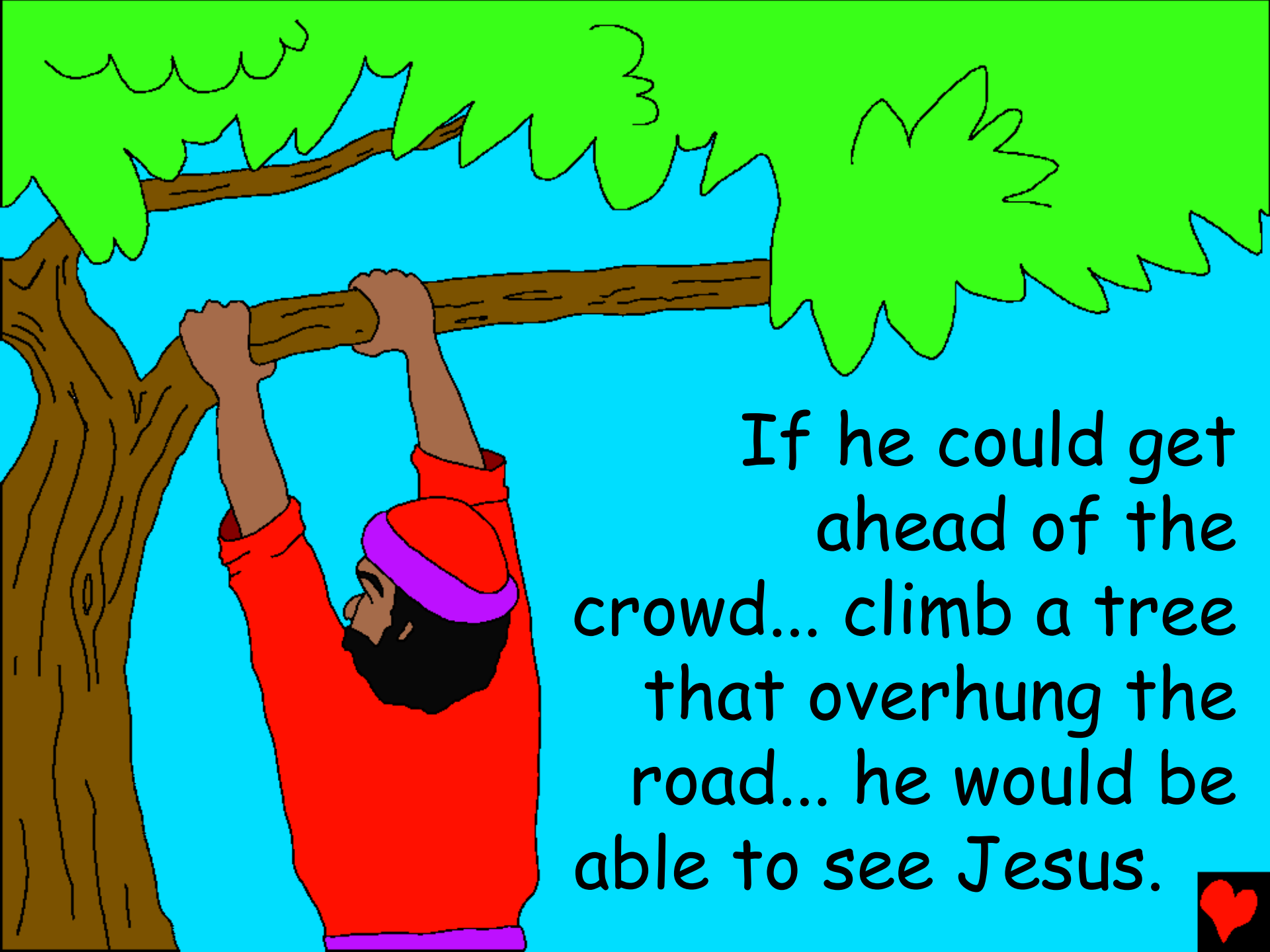
... Man from Nazareth Who claimed to be God's Son. But the crowds were thick ... the people tall.





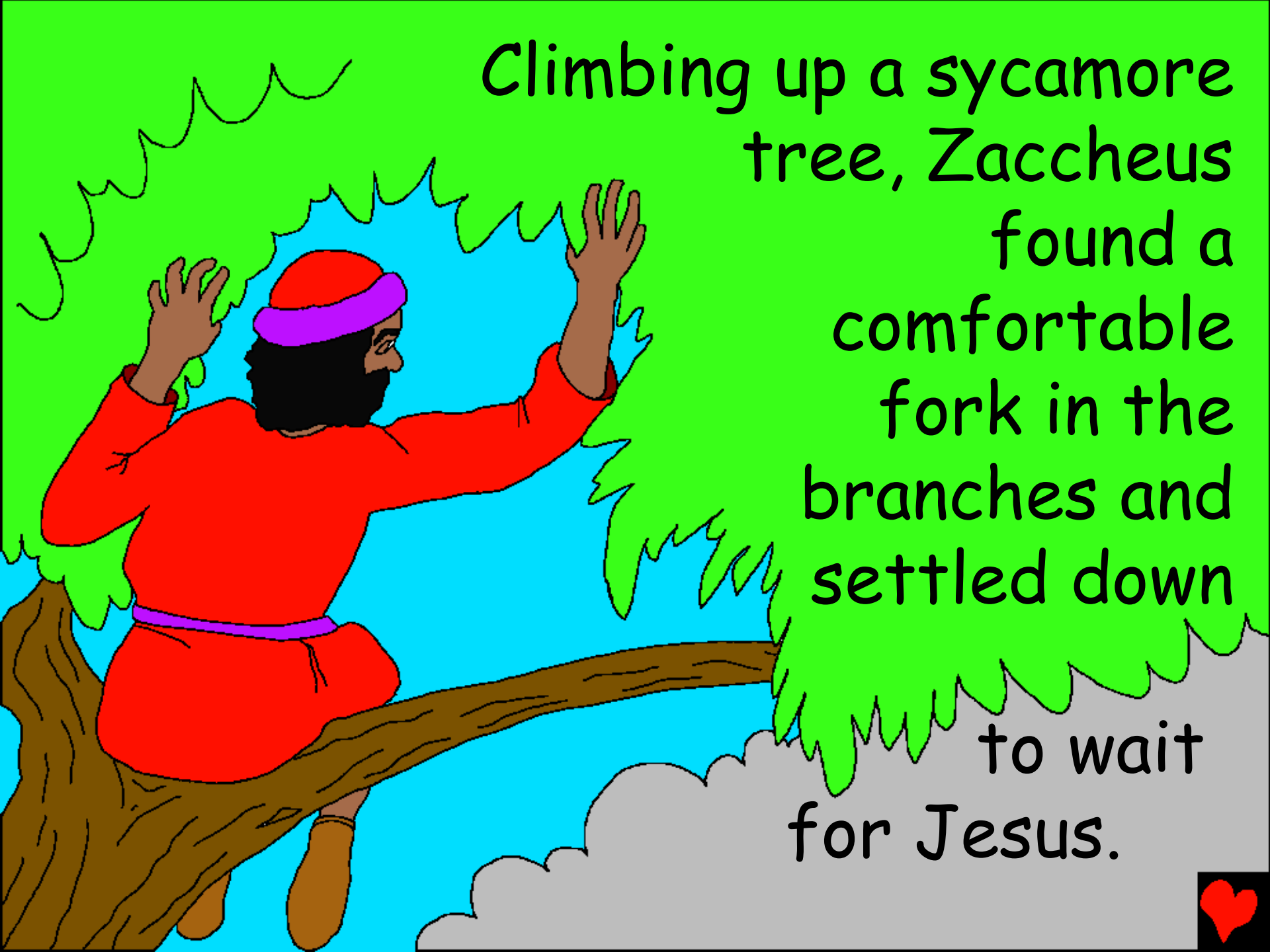
Zaccheus had  
an idea!





If he could get ahead of the crowd... climb a tree that overhung the road... he would be able to see Jesus.





Climbing up a sycamore tree, Zaccheus found a comfortable fork in the branches and settled down to wait for Jesus.





"I'll have a good view," he may have thought. "I will see Him without being seen."



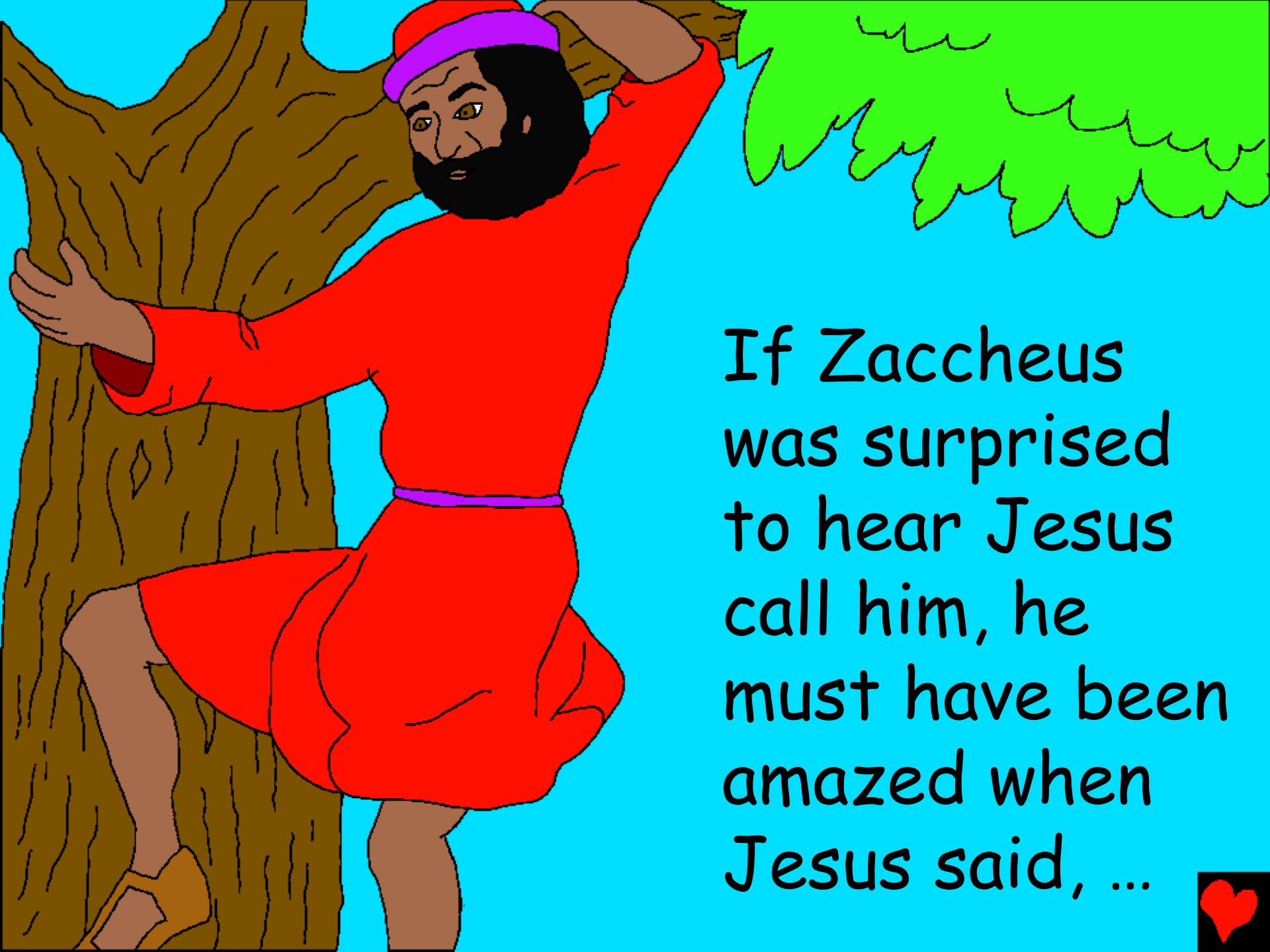
"Zaccheus,  
hurry and come  
down." The  
little tax  
collector  
could not  
believe  
his ears.



Jesus stood  
under the tree.  
Jesus was  
looking at  
him. Jesus  
was  
calling  
him!

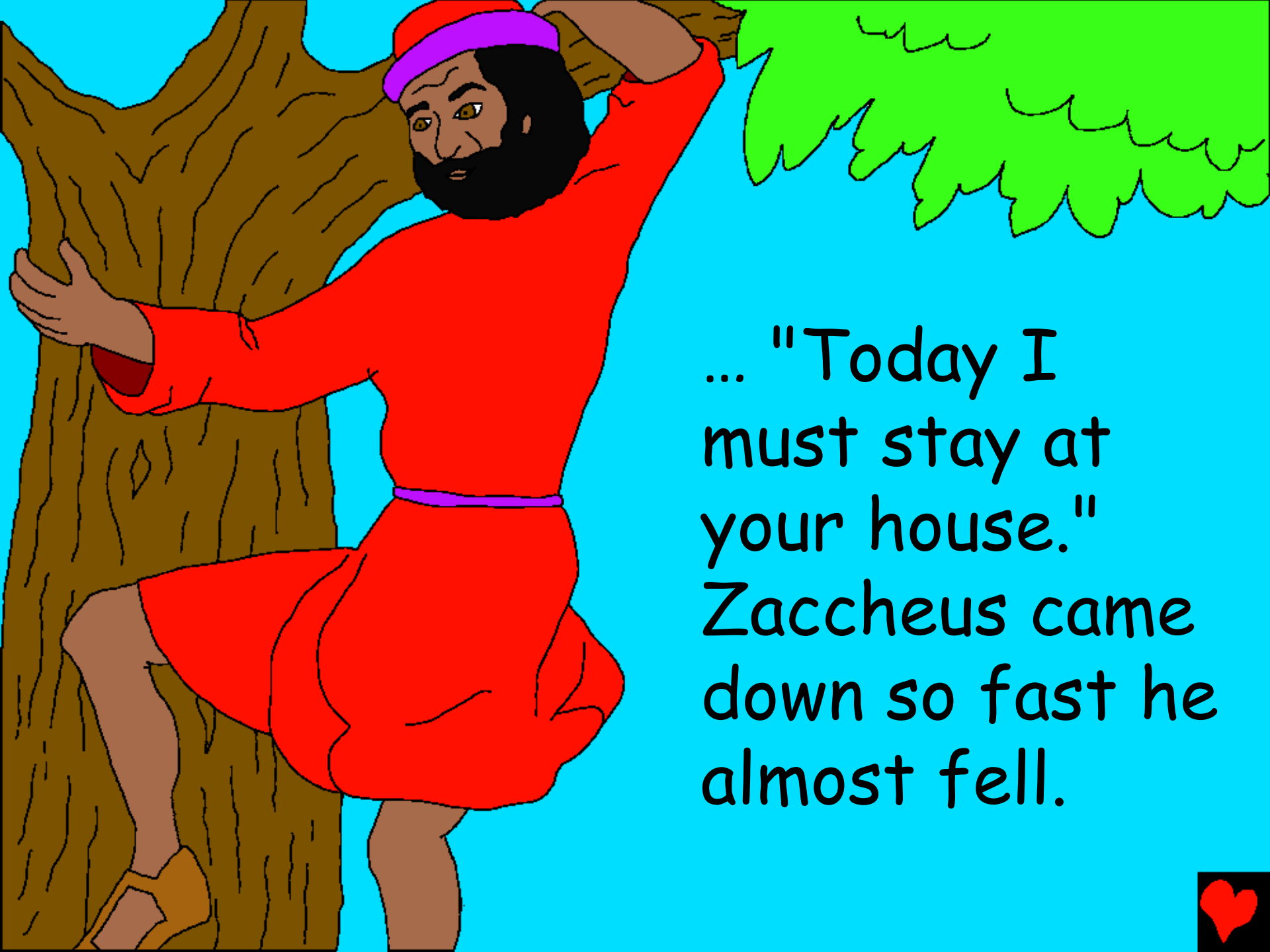






If Zaccheus was surprised to hear Jesus call him, he must have been amazed when Jesus said, ...

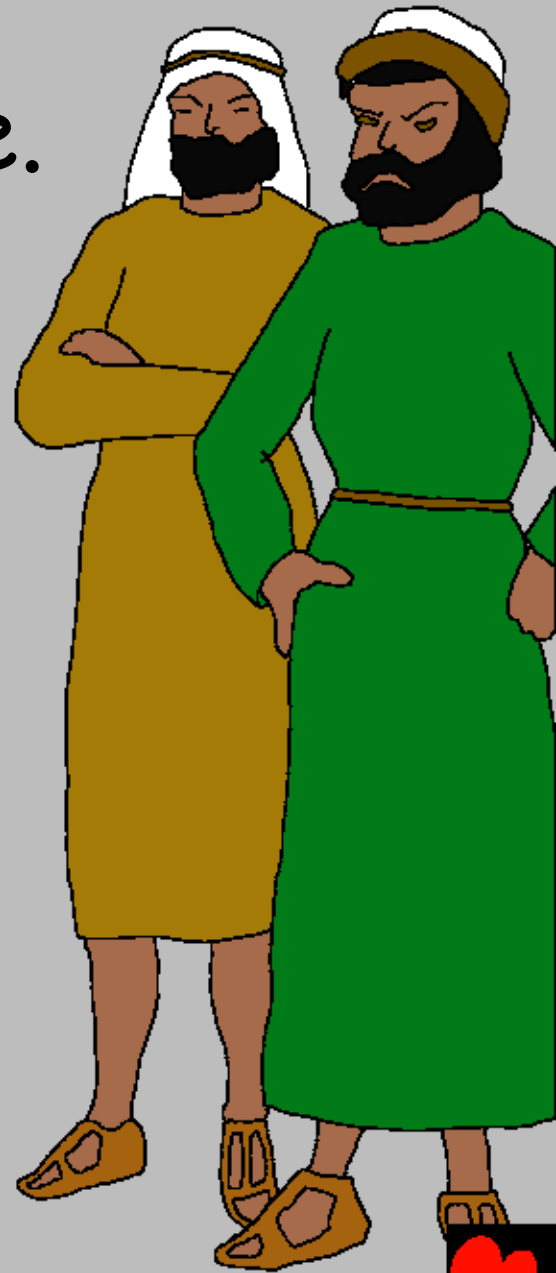




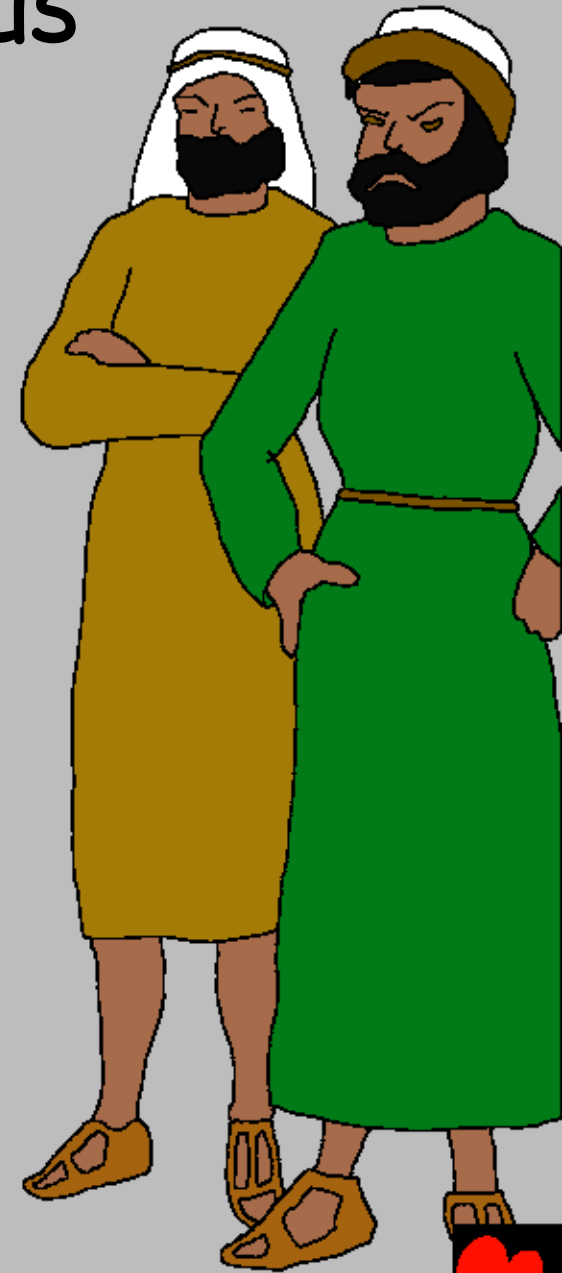
... "Today I must stay at your house." Zaccheus came down so fast he almost fell.



Zaccheus was thrilled that  
Jesus would visit his house.  
But the people  
didn't like it.



They complained that Jesus should not visit a sinner like Zaccheus.





Jesus brought  
a whole new  
life to  
Zaccheus.  
Zaccheus  
said, "Lord,  
I give half  
my goods to  
the poor.

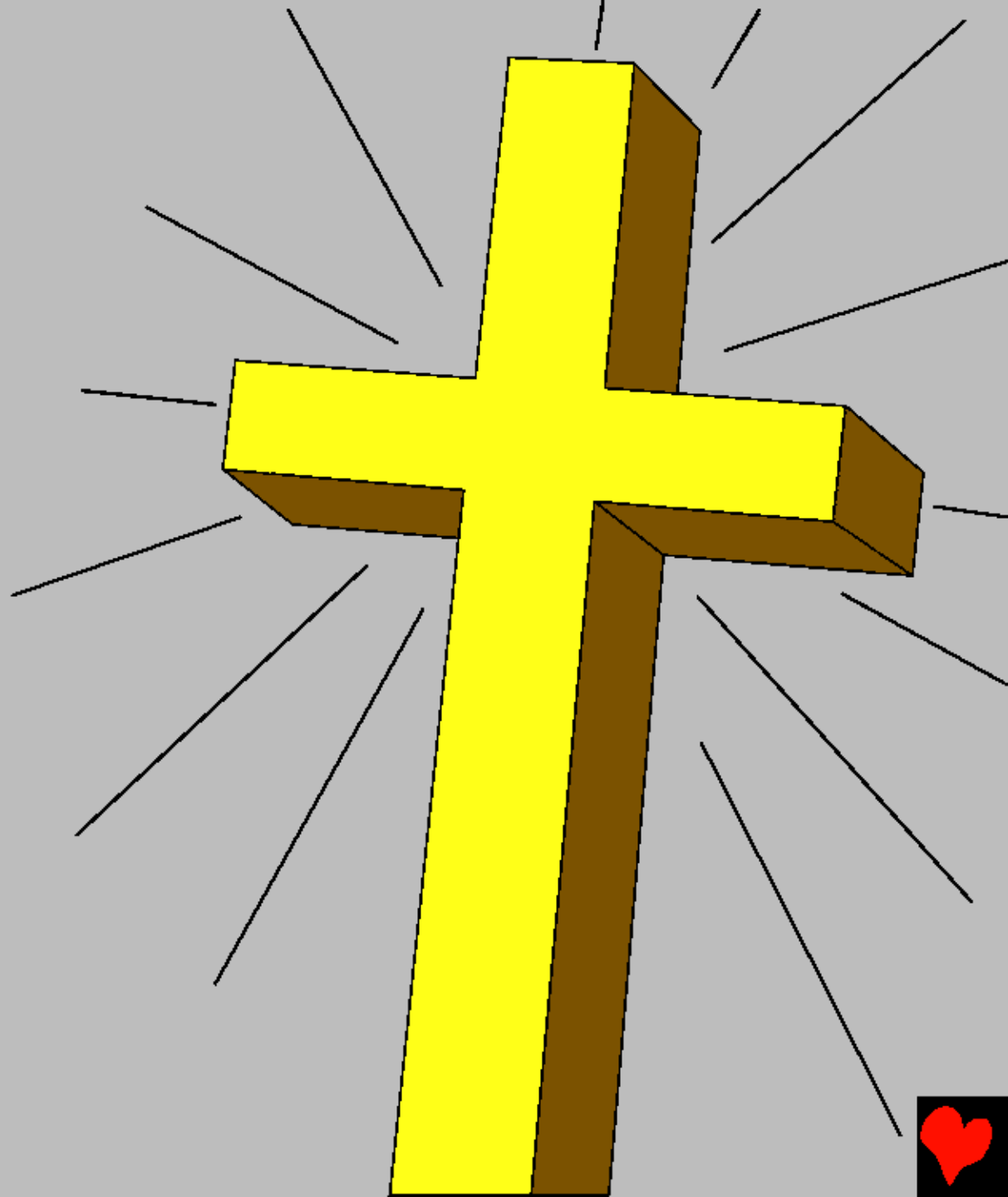




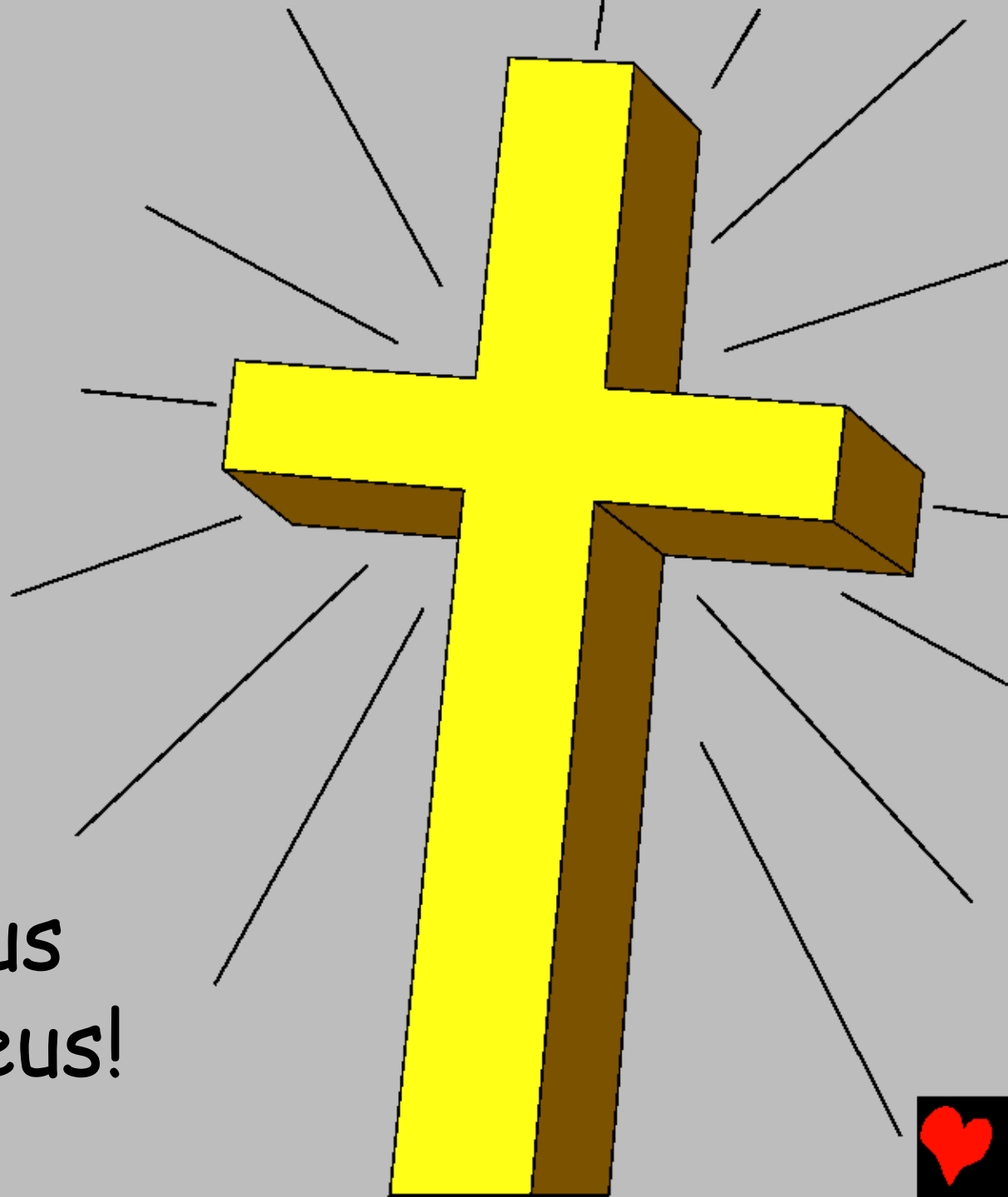
And if  
I have  
cheated  
anyone, I  
will give  
back four  
times as  
much."



Jesus was pleased at Zaccheus' new life. He loves to see people turn from sin and do what is right.



Jesus said,  
"The Son of  
Man came to  
seek and  
to save  
that which  
was lost."  
That day in  
Jericho, Jesus  
found Zaccheus!





# Jesus and Zaccheus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Luke 19

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,  
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me  
and now lives again. Please come into my  
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have  
new life now, and one day go to be with You  
forever. Help me to live for You as Your  
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every  
day! John 3:16

