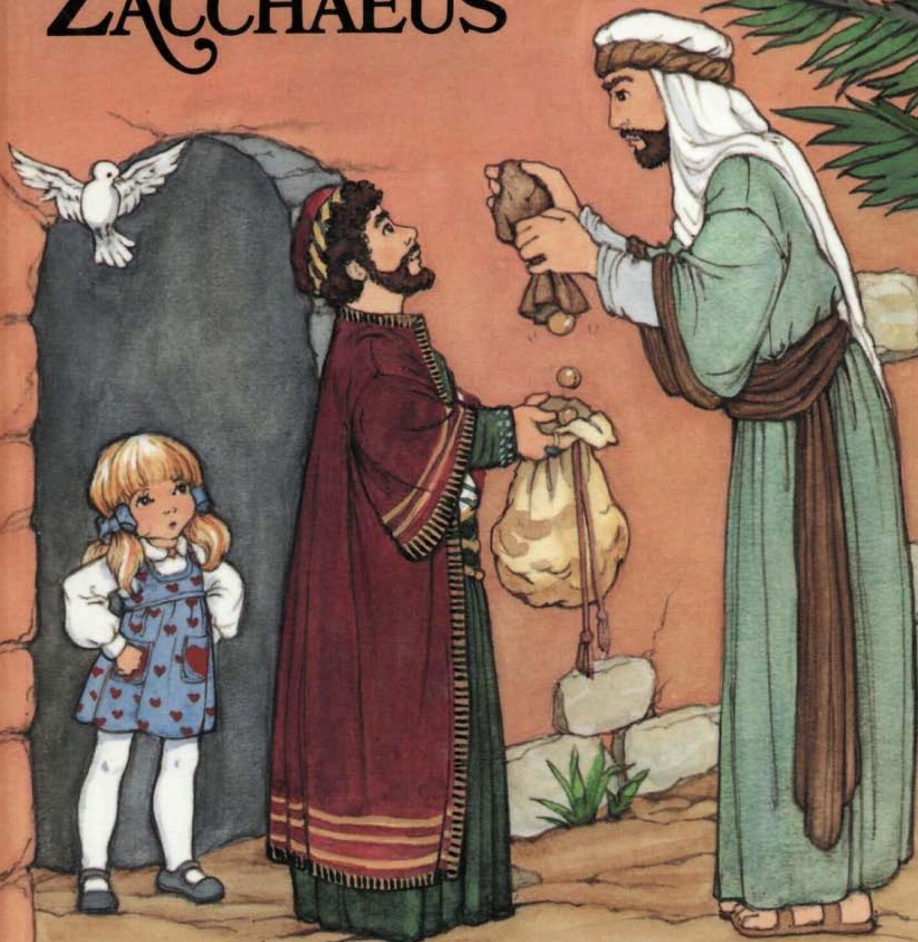


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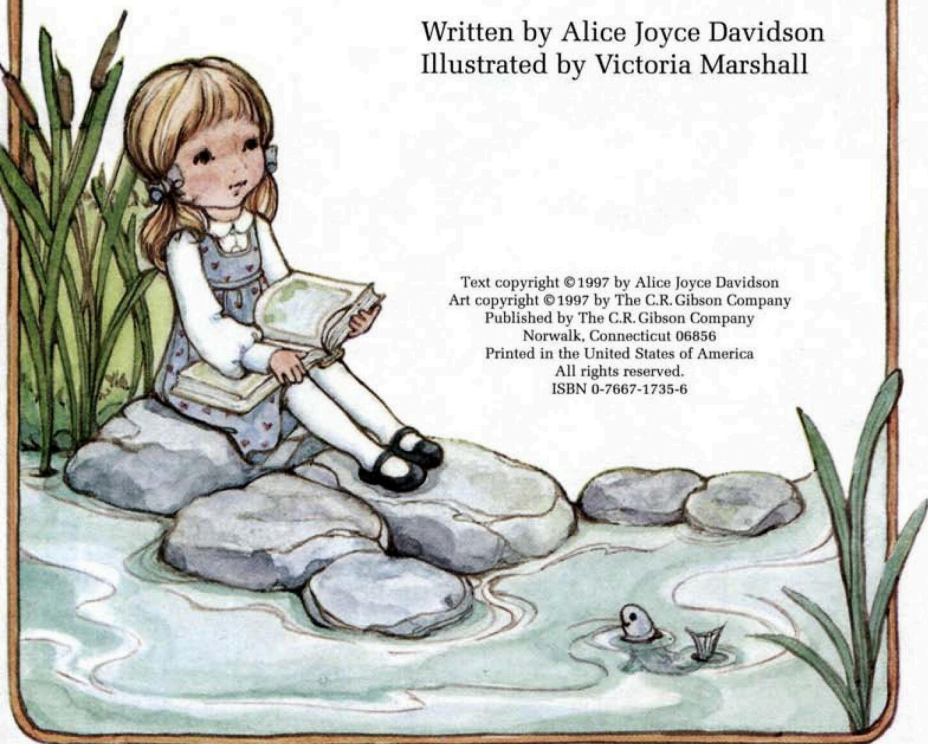
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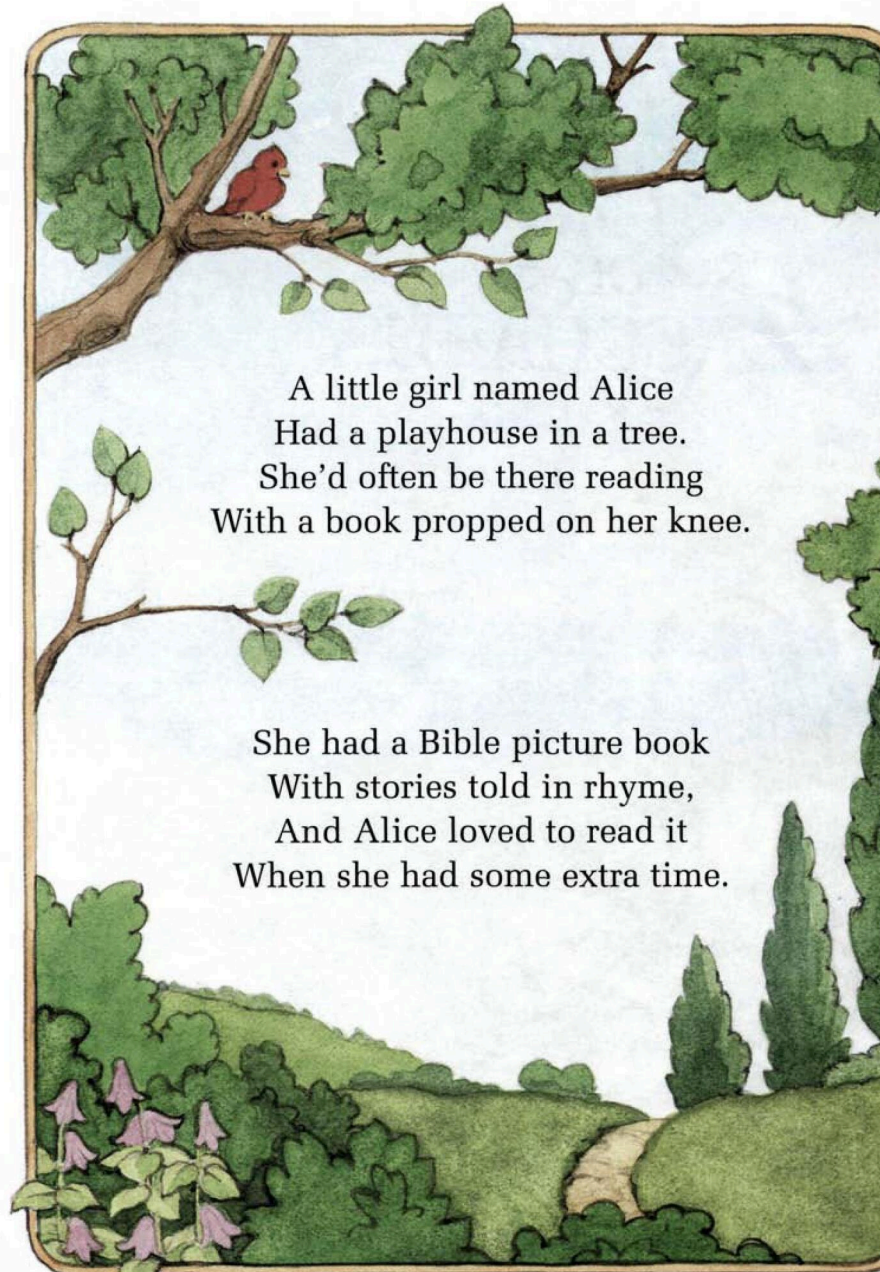
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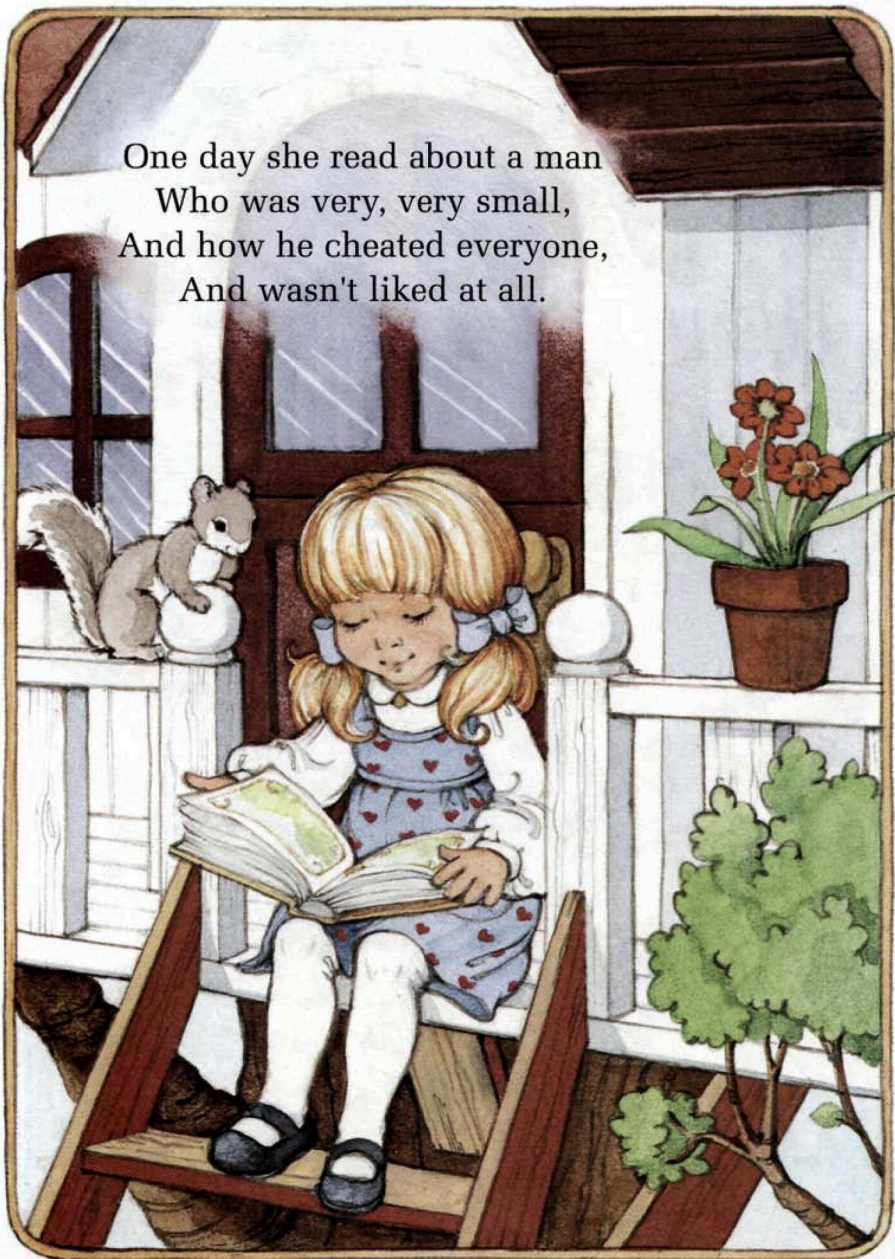


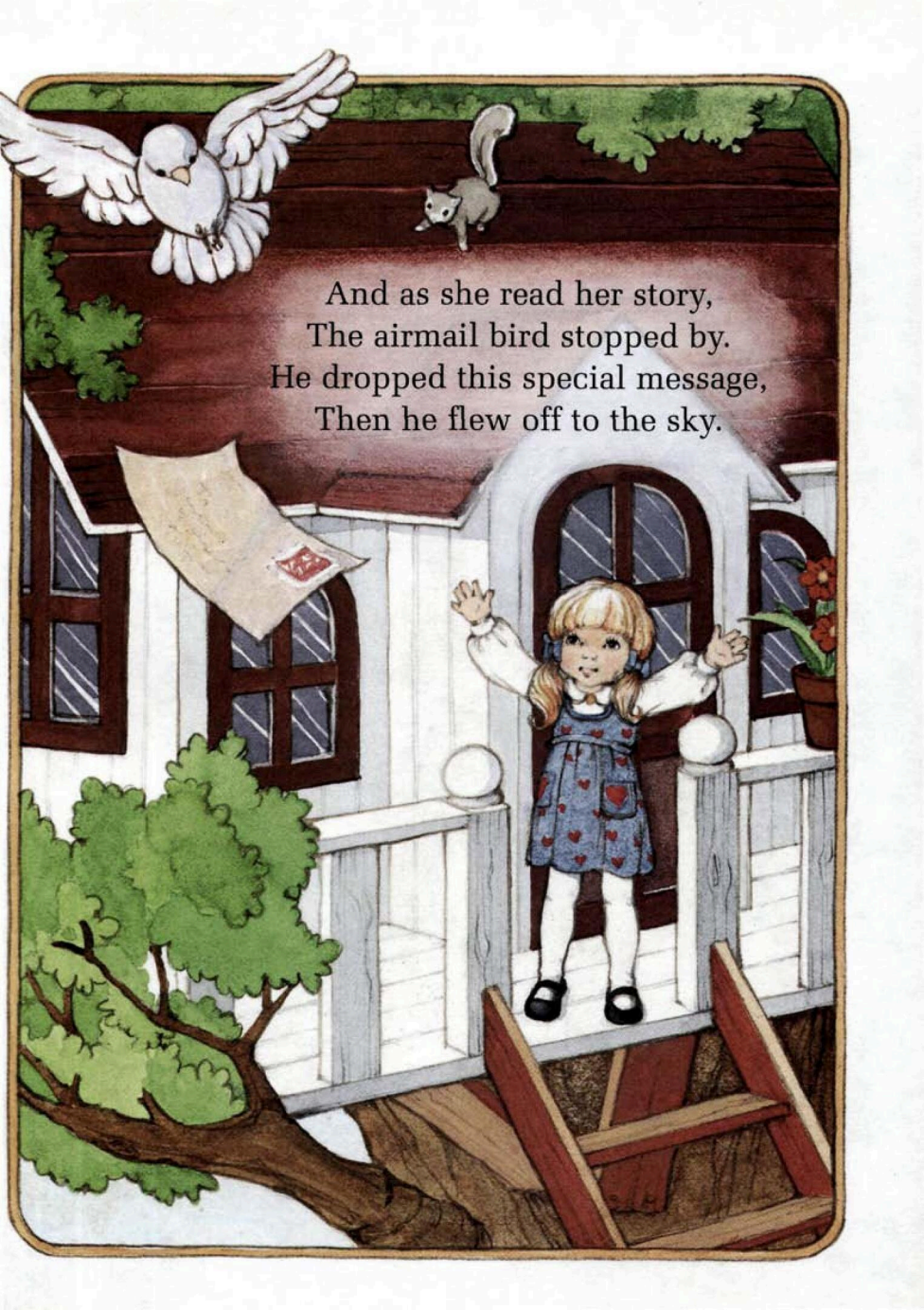
A little girl named Alice
Had a playhouse in a tree.
She'd often be there reading
With a book propped on her knee.

She had a Bible picture book
With stories told in rhyme,
And Alice loved to read it
When she had some extra time.



One day she read about a man
Who was very, very small,
And how he cheated everyone,
And wasn't liked at all.



A vibrant illustration of a young girl with blonde pigtails, wearing a blue dress with red hearts and white tights, standing on a white porch with her arms raised. Above her, a large white bird with spread wings is flying. To the right, a small grey squirrel is perched on the dark brown roof of the house. A large, light-brown envelope with a red stamp is shown falling from the sky towards the girl. The house has white siding and dark brown window frames. A green bush is in the foreground on the left, and a potted plant with red flowers is on the right. The entire scene is framed by a brown border.

And as she read her story,
The airmail bird stopped by.
He dropped this special message,
Then he flew off to the sky.

“Reading is the special key
To take you where you want to be.”



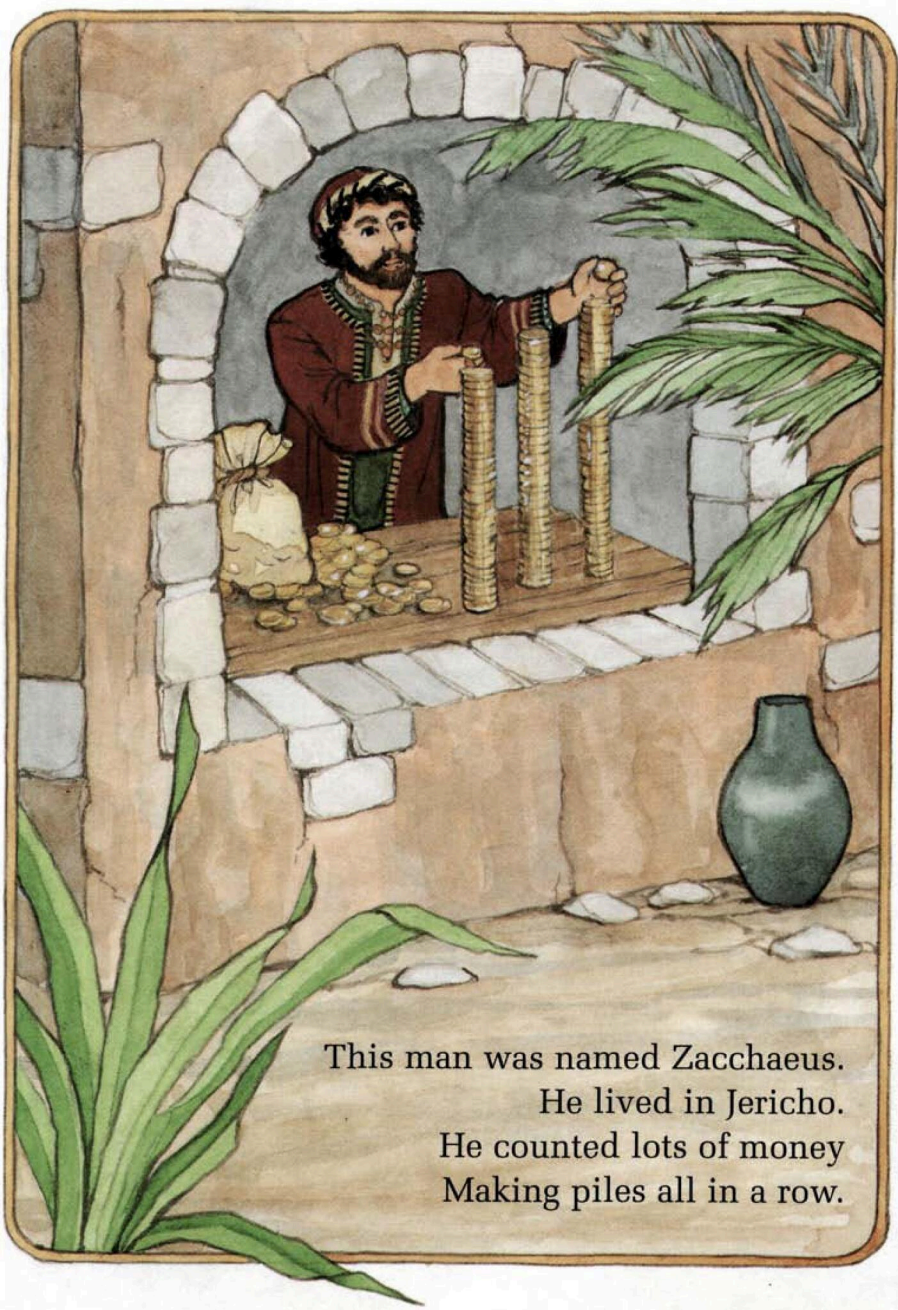


The book she held became a screen.
The screen grew tall and wide,
And Alice took a little walk
To Bibleland inside.

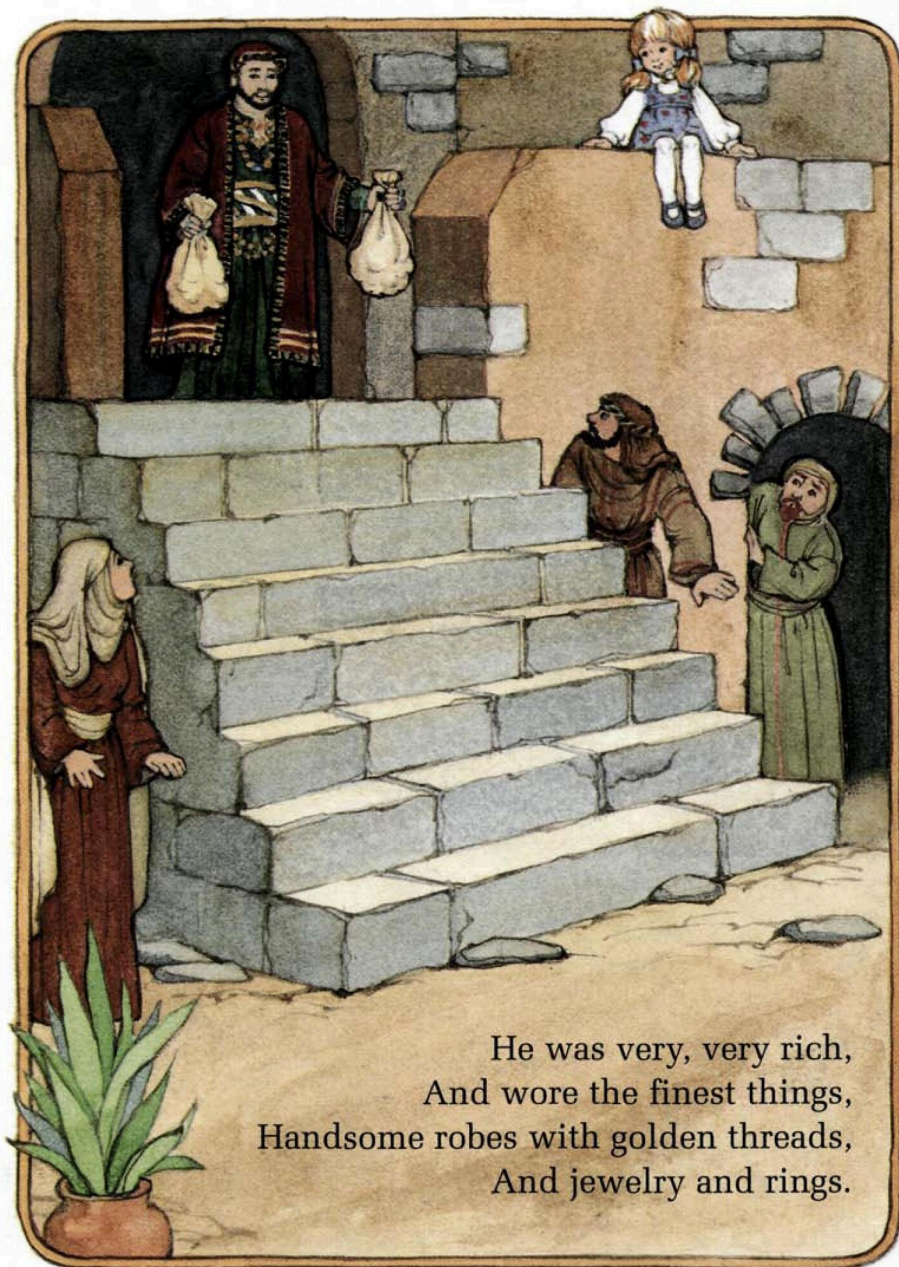


Alice went far back in time,
And much to her surprise,
The story of the little man
Came to life before her eyes.



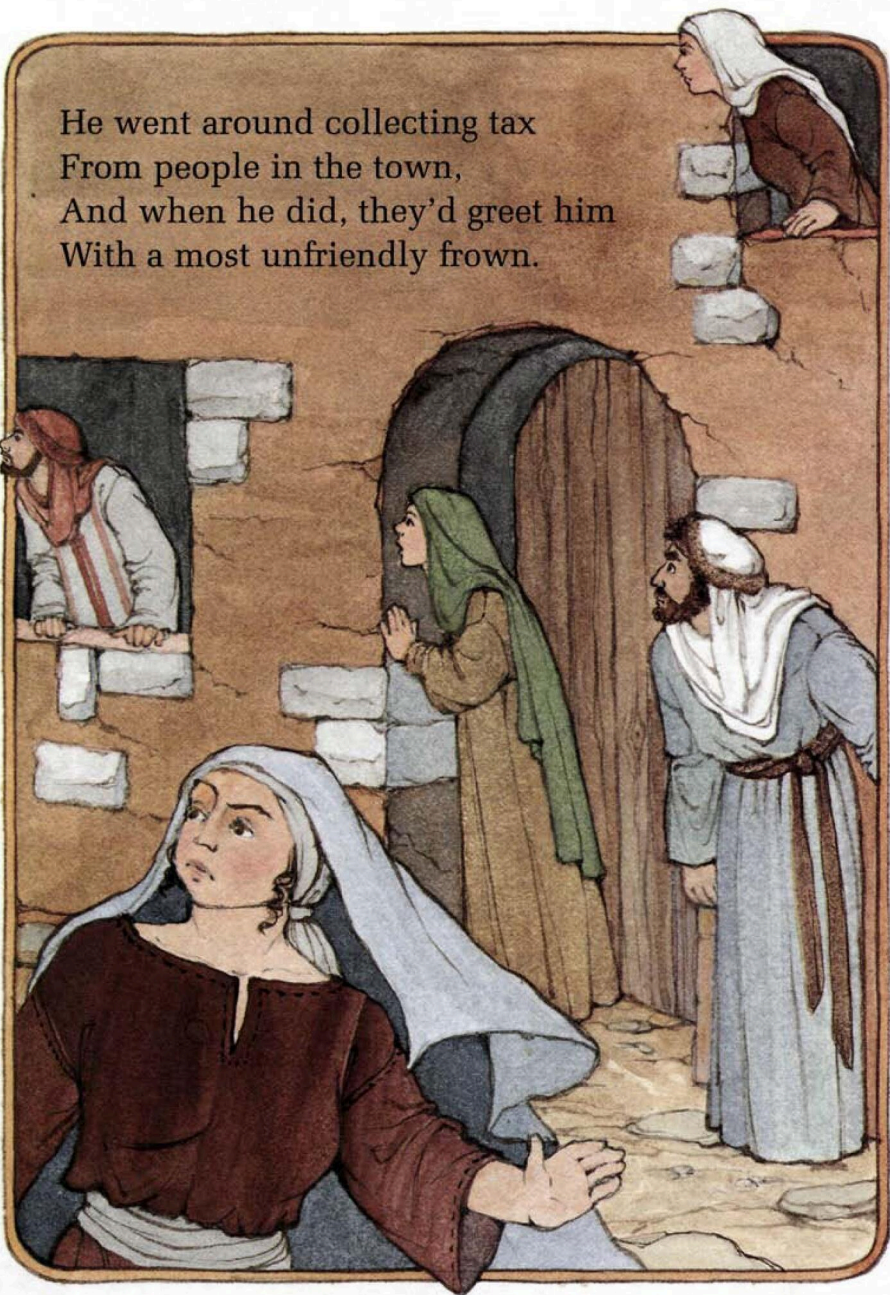


This man was named Zacchaeus.
He lived in Jericho.
He counted lots of money
Making piles all in a row.

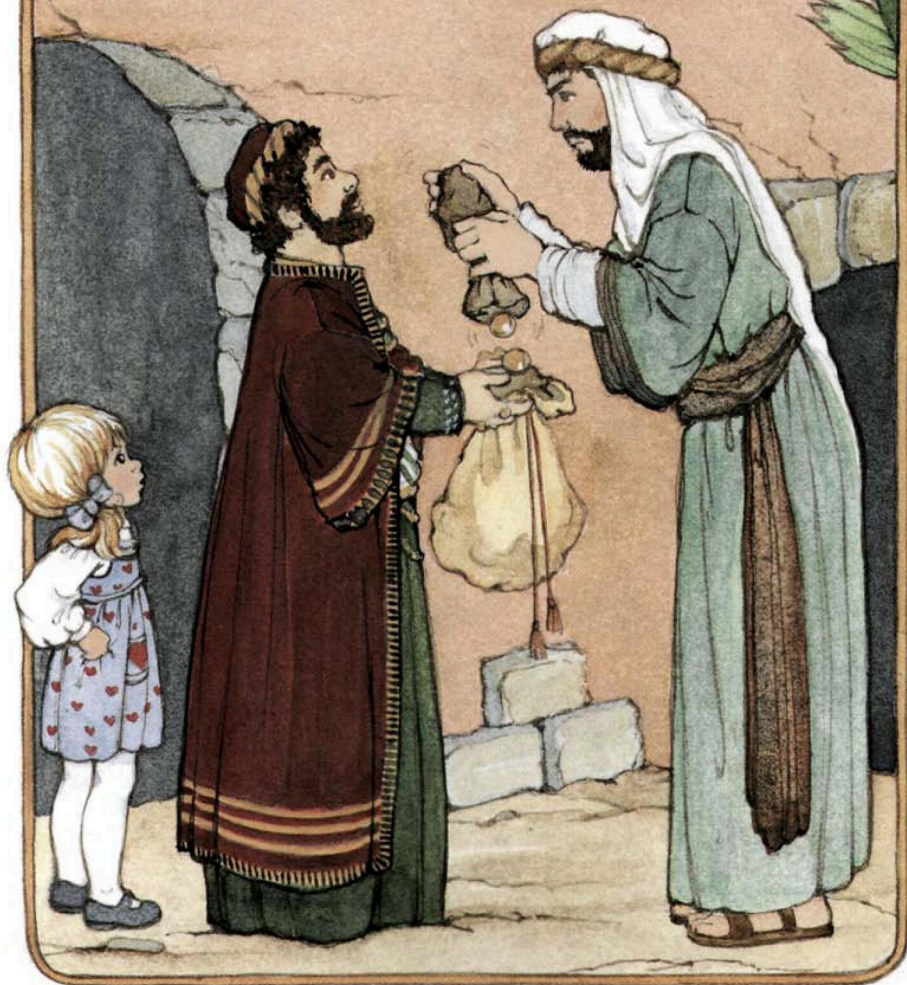


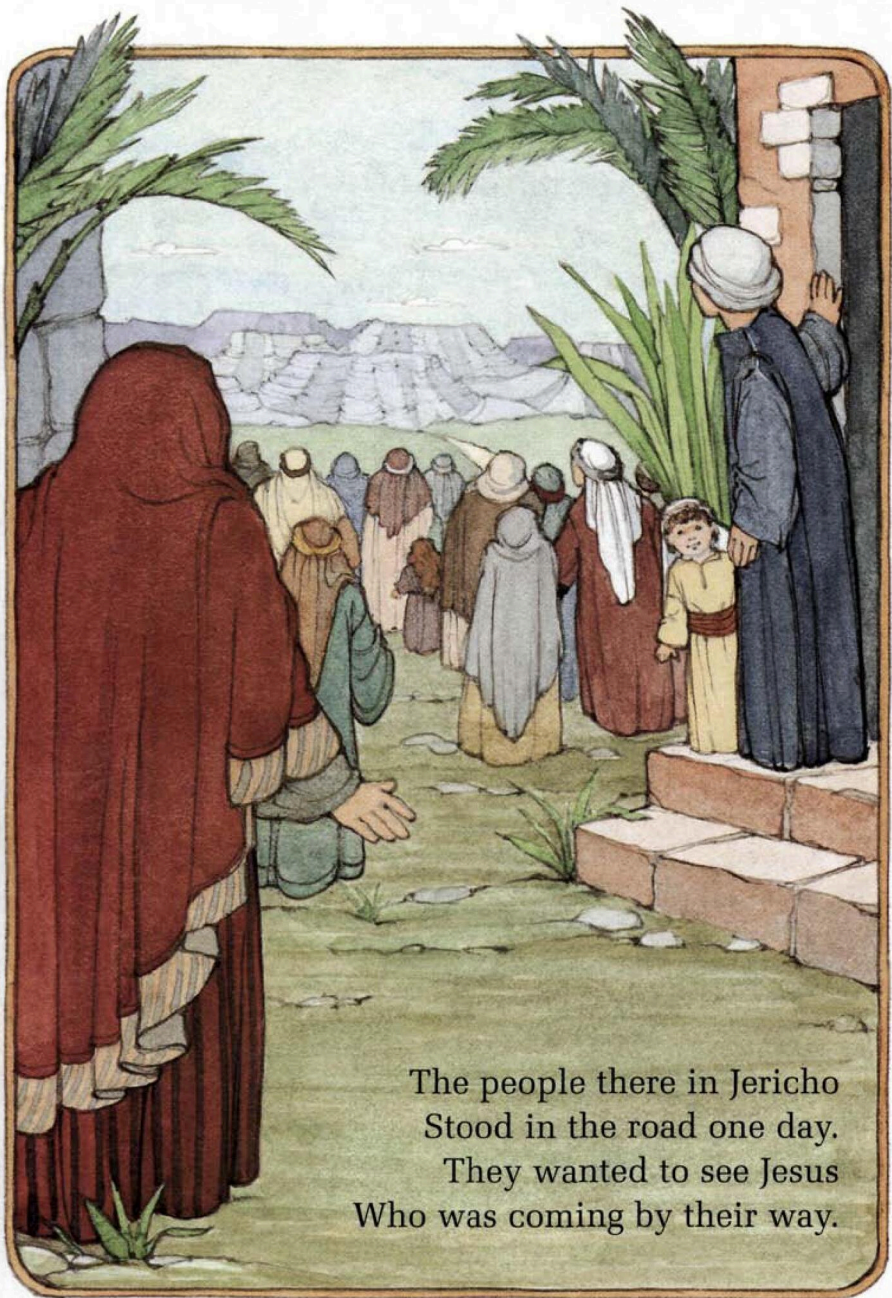
He was very, very rich,
And wore the finest things,
Handsome robes with golden threads,
And jewelry and rings.

He went around collecting tax
From people in the town,
And when he did, they'd greet him
With a most unfriendly frown.



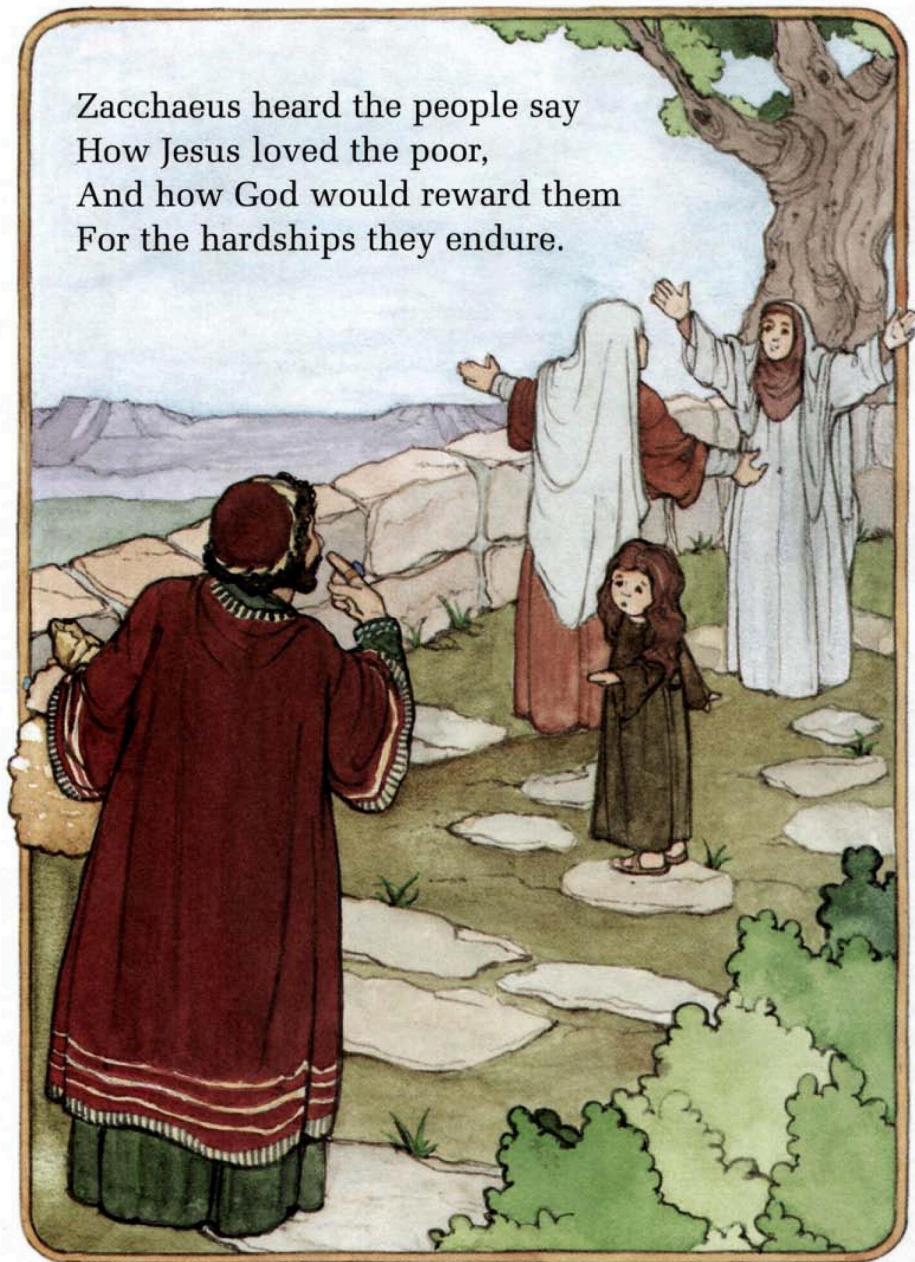
For Zacchaeus was not honest.
He took more than he should,
And he became quite wealthy
Cheating everyone he could.

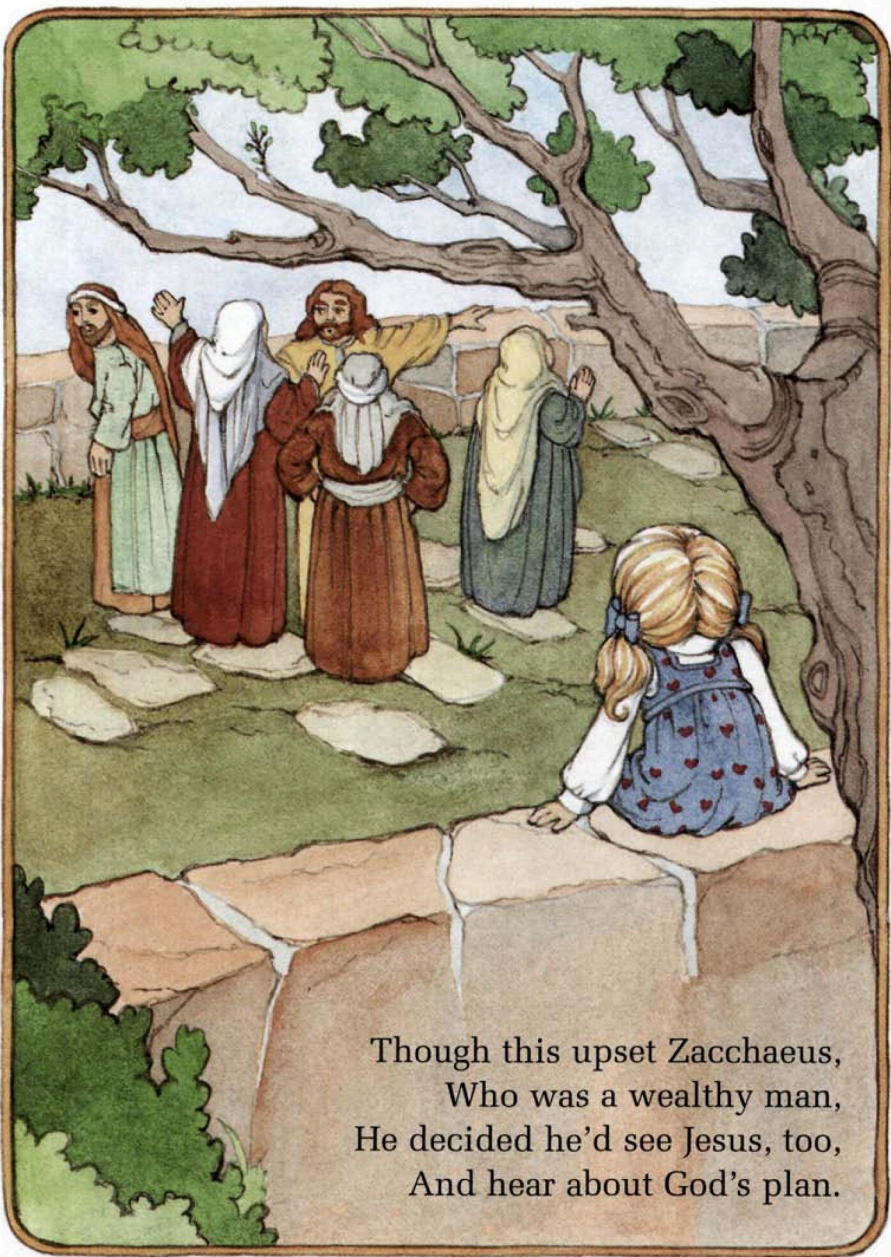




The people there in Jericho
Stood in the road one day.
They wanted to see Jesus
Who was coming by their way.

Zacchaeus heard the people say
How Jesus loved the poor,
And how God would reward them
For the hardships they endure.

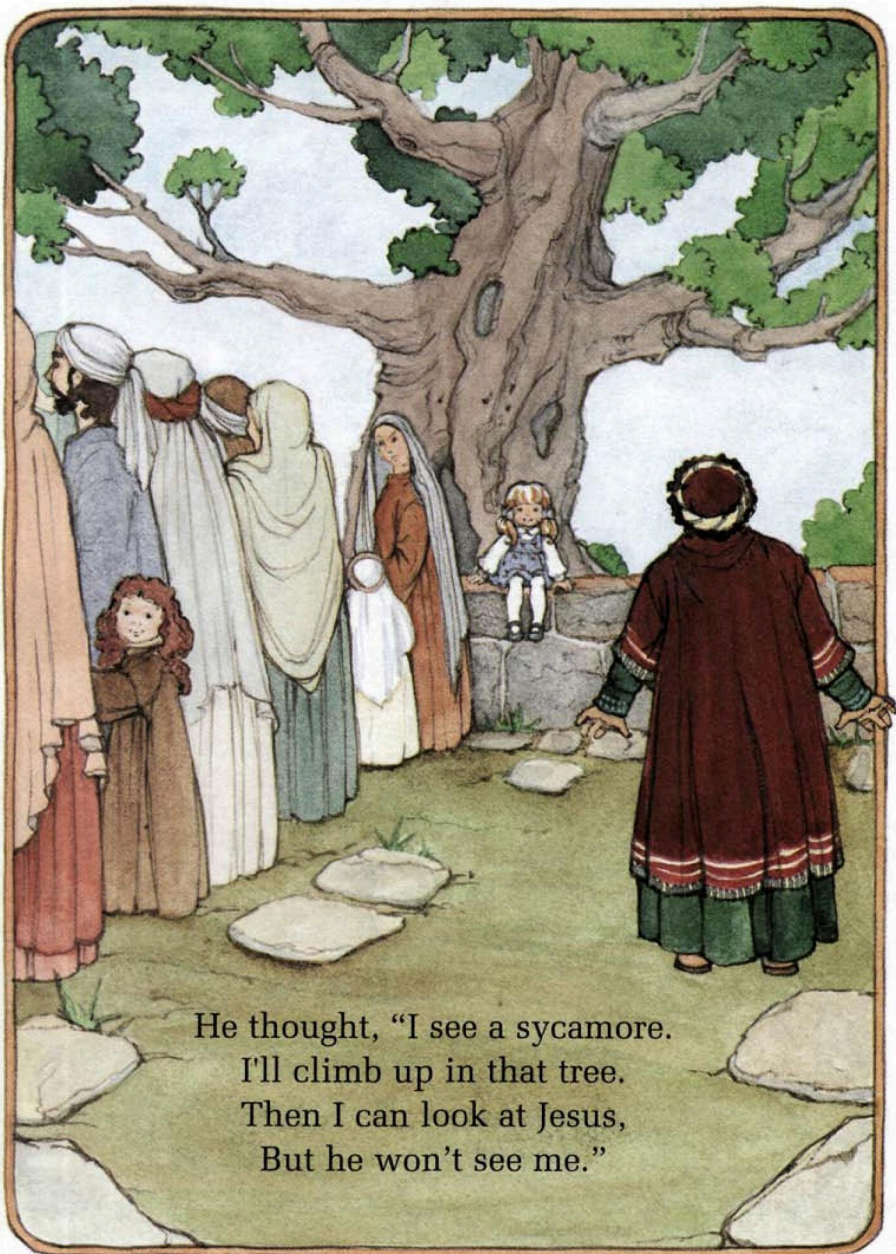




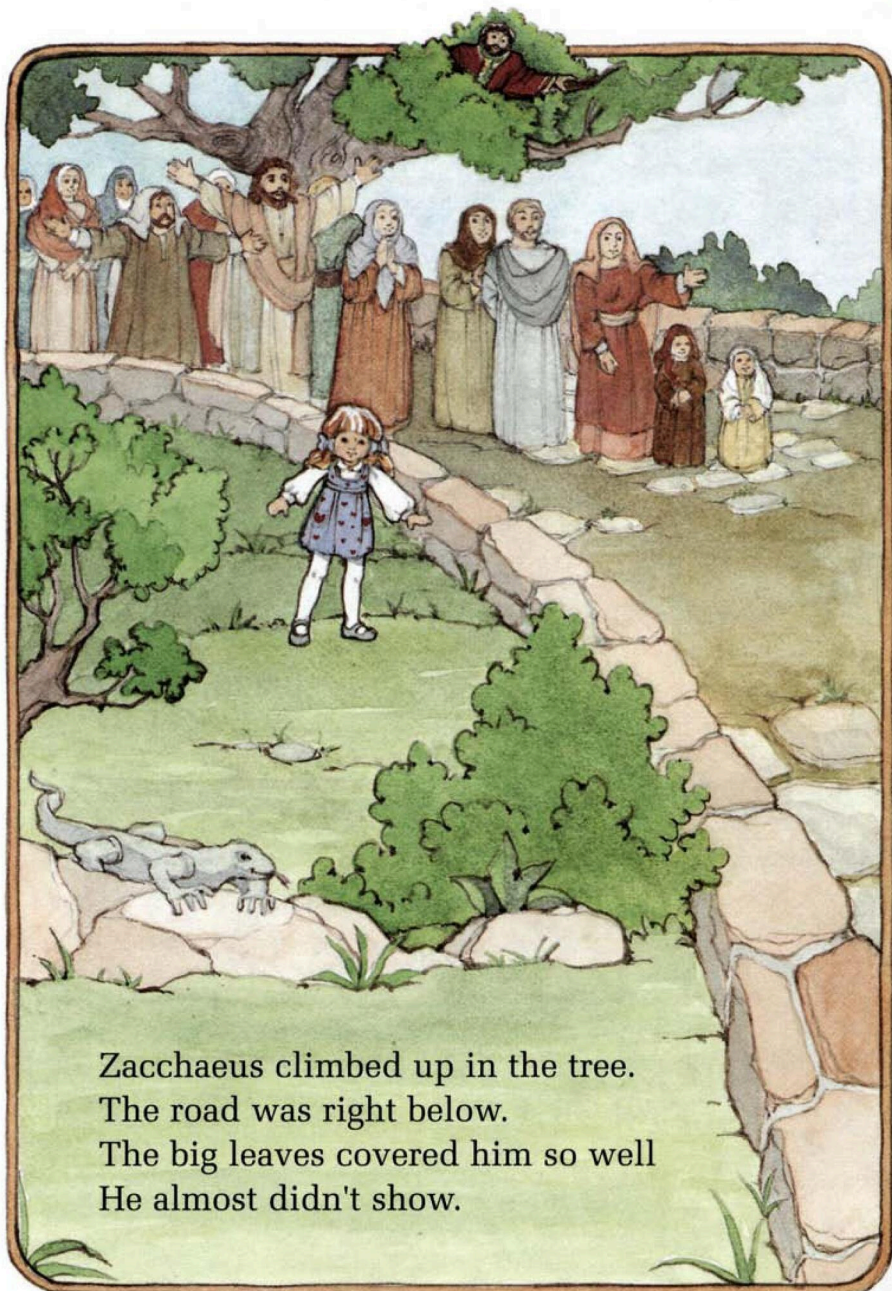
Though this upset Zacchaeus,
Who was a wealthy man,
He decided he'd see Jesus, too,
And hear about God's plan.

The crowd kept growing bigger,
But Zacchaeus was so small
He couldn't find a place to stand
Where he could see it all.



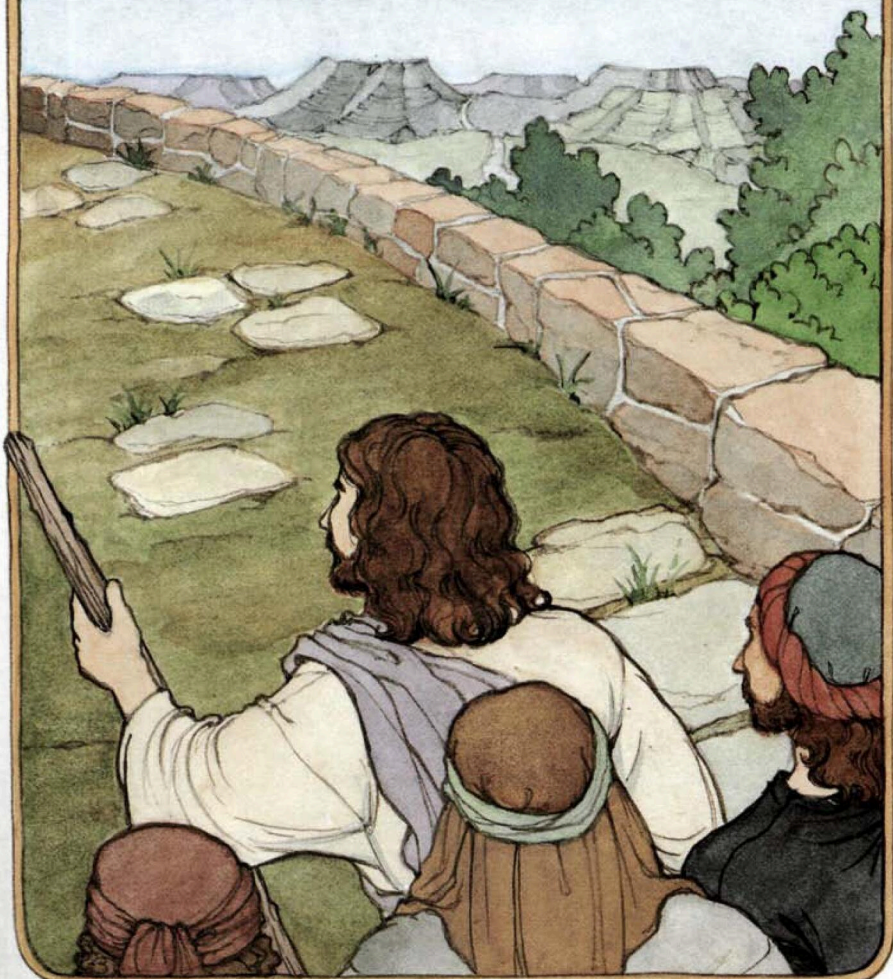


He thought, "I see a sycamore.
I'll climb up in that tree.
Then I can look at Jesus,
But he won't see me."



Zacchaeus climbed up in the tree.
The road was right below.
The big leaves covered him so well
He almost didn't show.

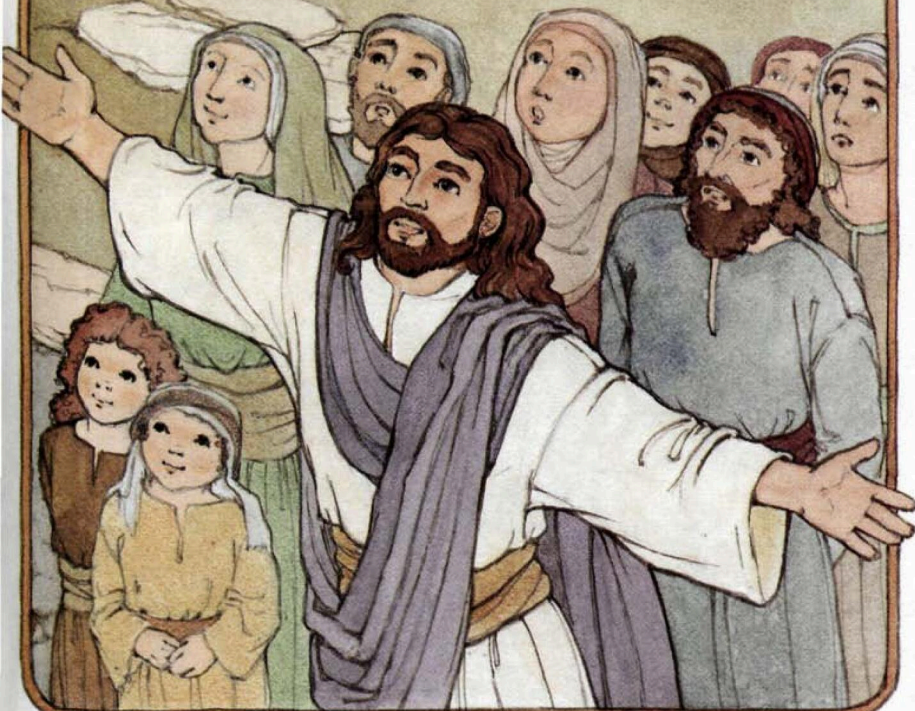
Then the crowd became excited,
For coming into view
Were Jesus and His followers,
And His disciples, too.

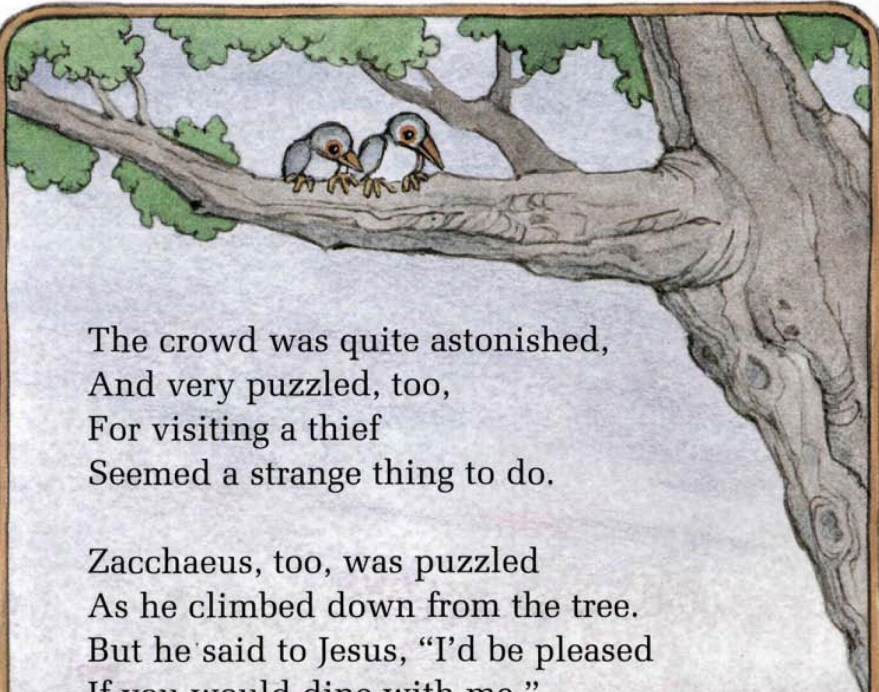




The crowd was milling all around,
When quite suddenly,
Zacchaeus saw that Jesus
Had stopped beneath his tree.

Then Jesus said, "Zacchaeus!
If you would please come down,
I'll spend some time with you at home
While visiting your town."



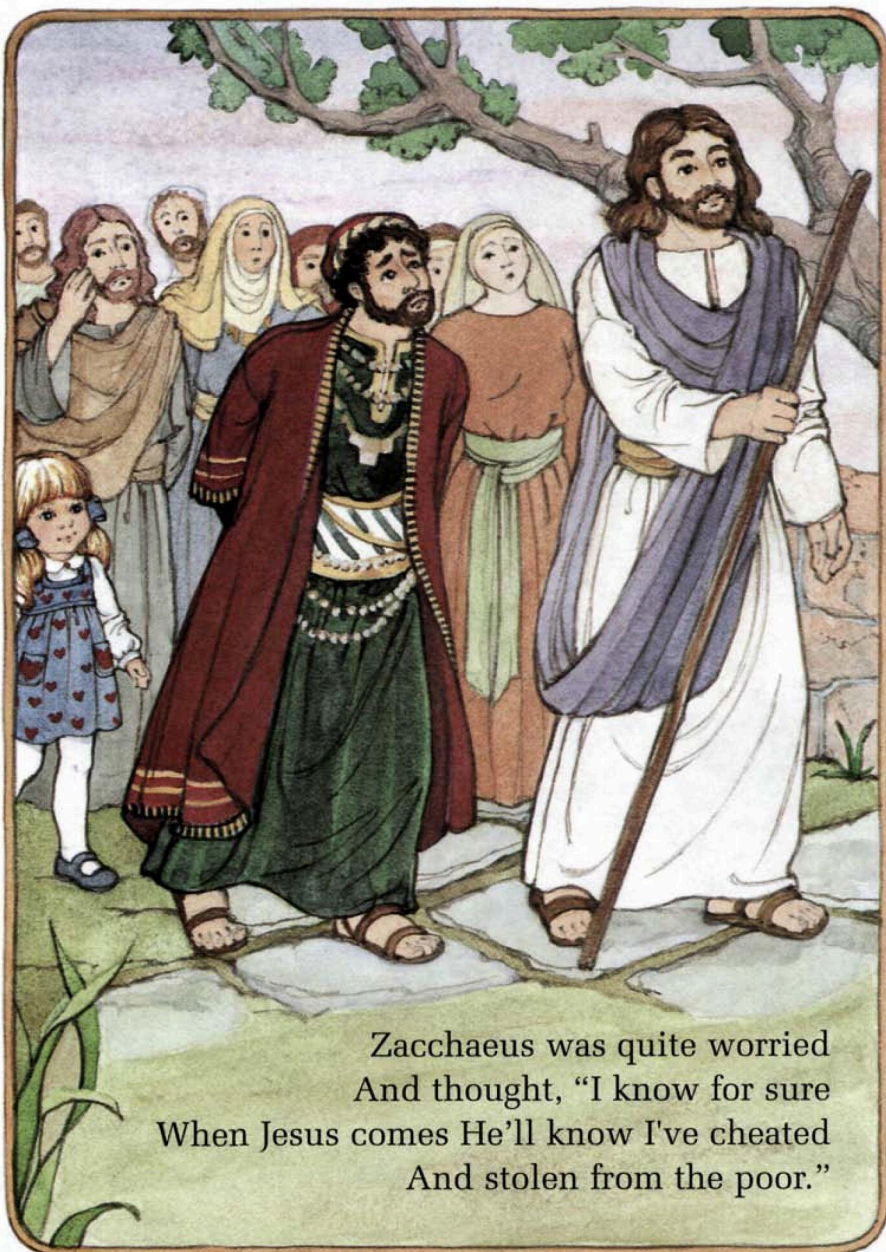
An illustration of two small blue birds with orange beaks and feet perched on a thick, gnarled tree branch. The background shows green foliage and a light blue sky.

The crowd was quite astonished,
And very puzzled, too,
For visiting a thief
Seemed a strange thing to do.

Zacchaeus, too, was puzzled
As he climbed down from the tree.
But he said to Jesus, "I'd be pleased
If you would dine with me."

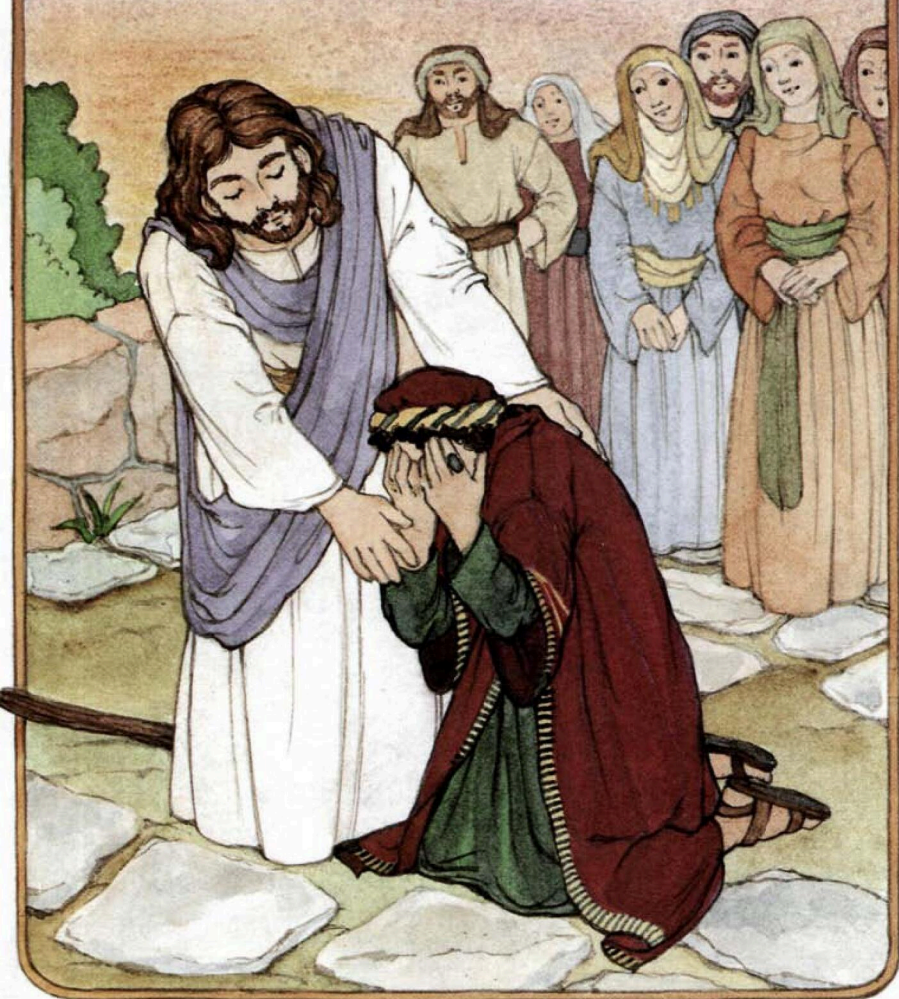


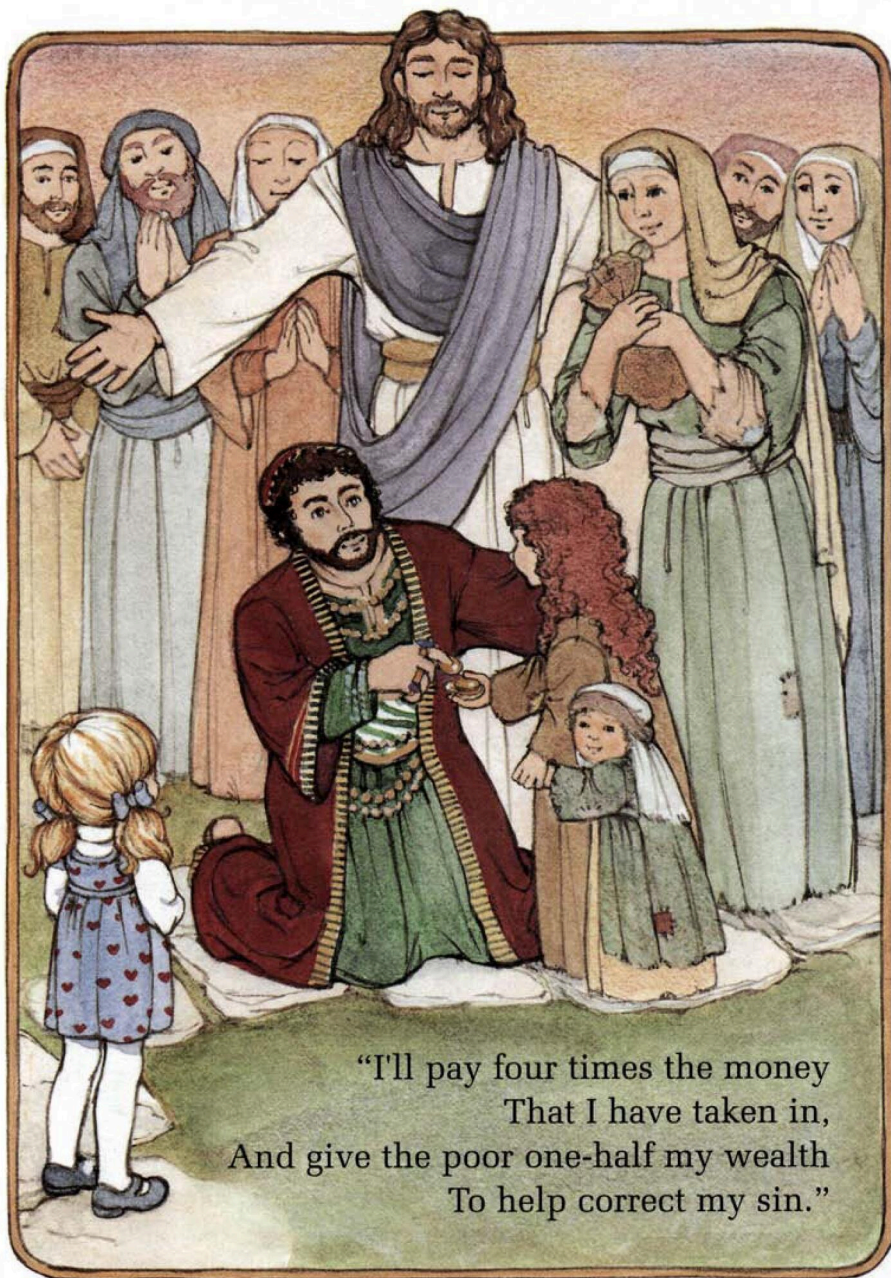




Zacchaeus was quite worried
And thought, "I know for sure
When Jesus comes He'll know I've cheated
And stolen from the poor."

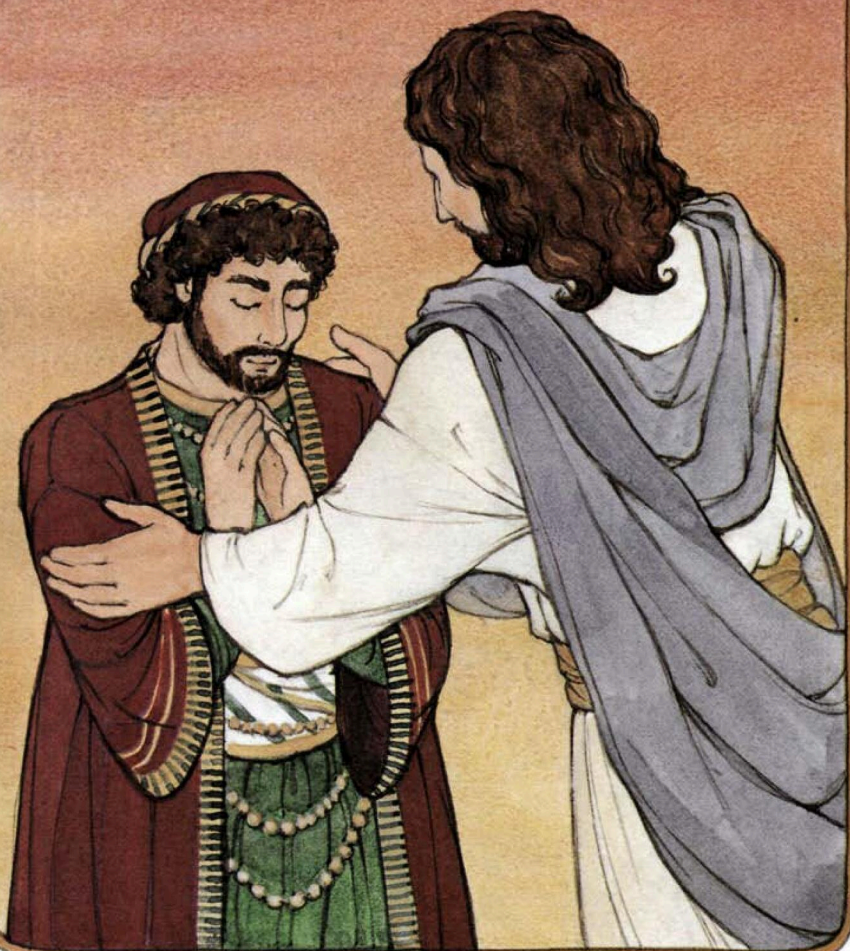
Then he felt so awful
That he took more than he should,
He told Jesus he was sorry
And he'd pay back all he could.



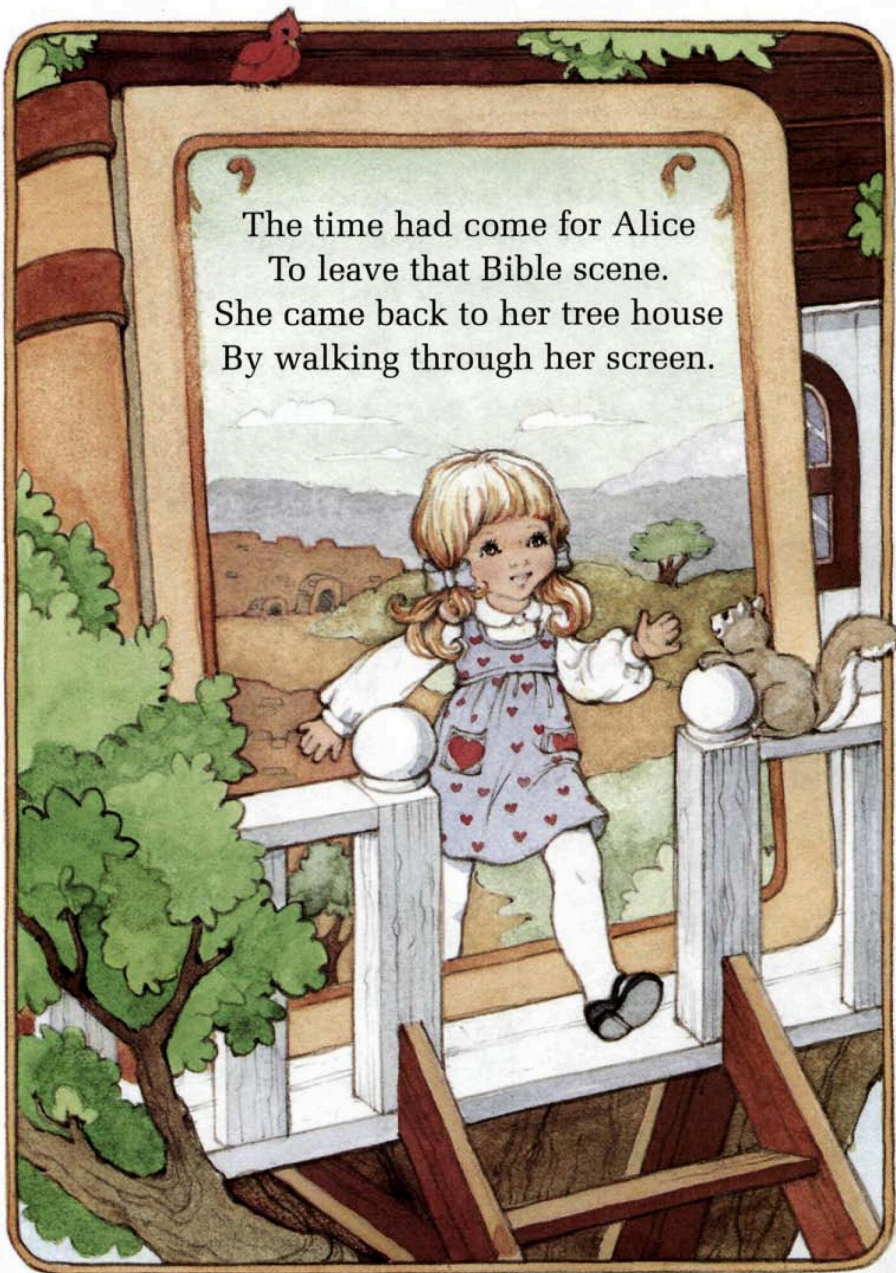


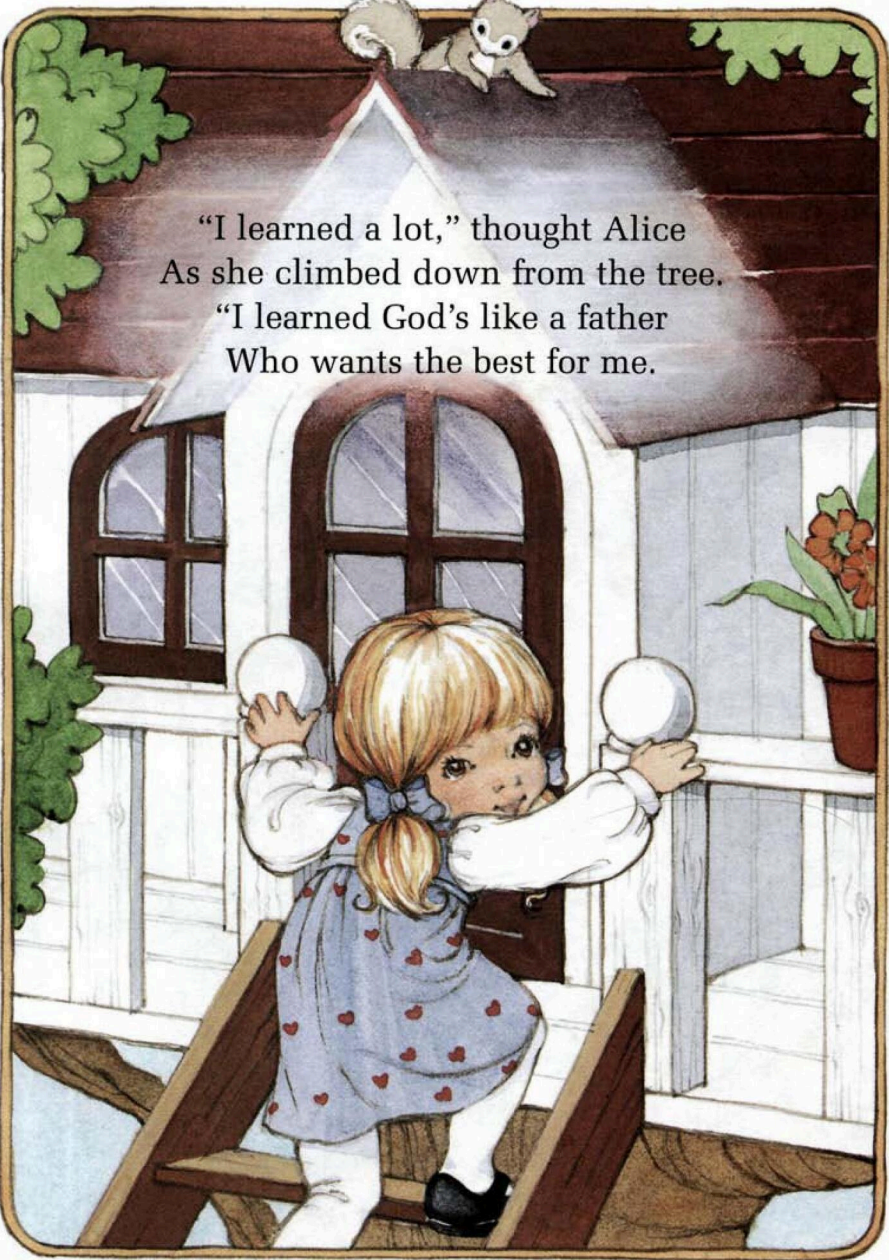
"I'll pay four times the money
That I have taken in,
And give the poor one-half my wealth
To help correct my sin."

Jesus was so happy.
Zacchaeus had changed, it's true.
He said, "God forgives and welcomes you
To serve His Kingdom, too."

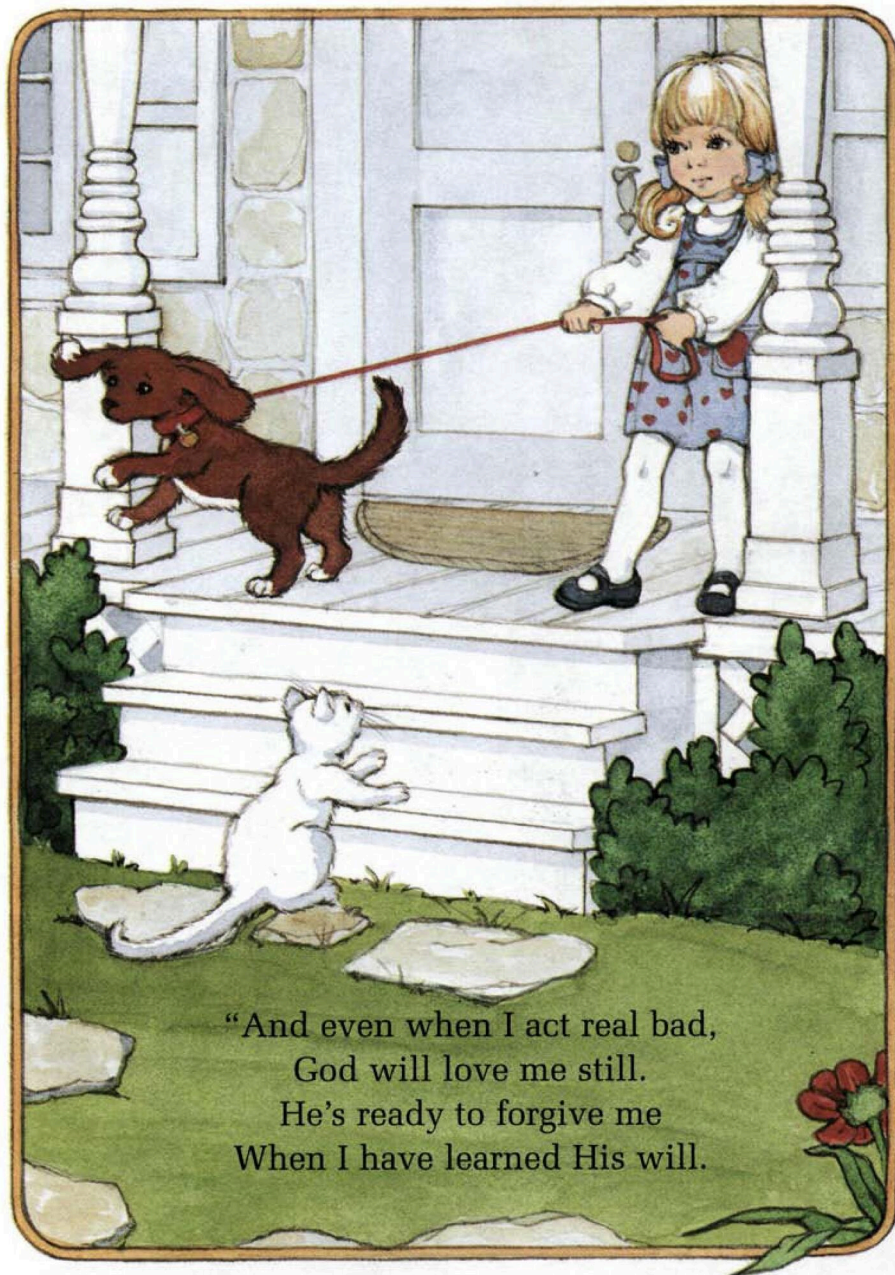


The time had come for Alice
To leave that Bible scene.
She came back to her tree house
By walking through her screen.





“I learned a lot,” thought Alice
As she climbed down from the tree.
“I learned God’s like a father
Who wants the best for me.



"And even when I act real bad,
God will love me still.
He's ready to forgive me
When I have learned His will.

“He’s always there to help us change,
and leave our selfish ways,
To truly seek forgiveness,
And follow Him every day.



“When He comes into our lives,
We are renewed once more,
And feel more joy and gladness
Than we ever felt before!”



