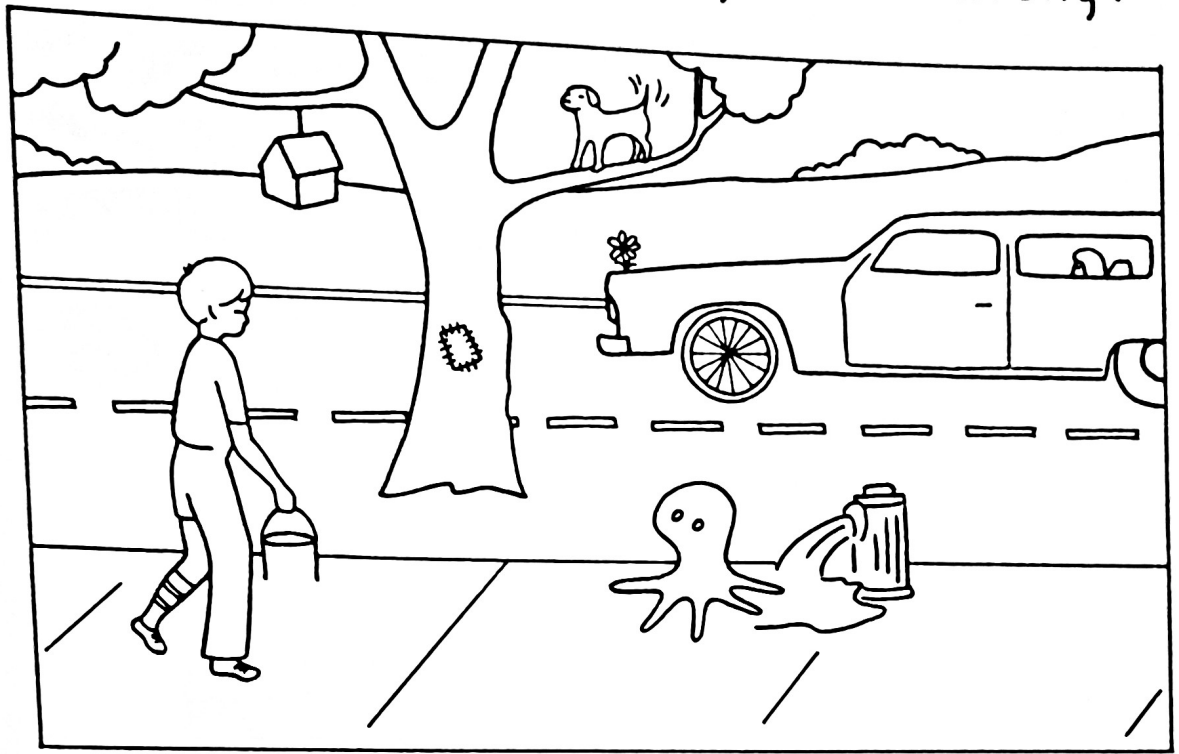


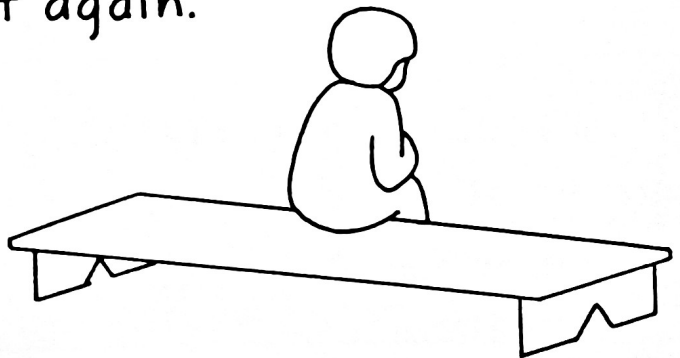
How many things can you find wrong?



Did you find 10?

When we sin, we may feel
strangely uncomfortable and a little alone
or sad. We wish we could
make things right again.

But how?



THE LITTLE MAN CALLED ZACCHAEUS

(Luke 19:1-10)

One day Jesus and His friends came to a city called Jericho. A man named Zacchaeus lived there. The people didn't like this man Zacchaeus because he collected taxes. Sometimes he made the people pay too much. They said he was very bad.

Zacchaeus was a rich man. He lived in a beautiful house. But he was sad and lonely. He was sad because he knew he had done wrong.

When the people of Jericho heard that Jesus had come to their city, they hurried out of their houses to see Him. Soon there was a big crowd on the streets.

Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, too. But he was such a little man. He could not see over the heads of the other people. And the people around Jesus would not let Zacchaeus get close.

"I *must* see Jesus!" said Zacchaeus to himself. So he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a tree. There he sat, waiting for Jesus to pass by that way.

When Jesus came to the place below the tree, He stopped and looked up. There was Zacchaeus, looking down. Jesus called to him, "Zacchaeus," He said, "come down quickly! Today I must stay at your house."

Zacchaeus was so surprised! He didn't think Jesus would love him. So he came down from the tree as fast as he could and gladly took Jesus to his home. The people who saw this became angry. They said, "Look, Jesus went to the home of a bad man!" But Jesus had done this on purpose. He wanted to show that He is the Friend of bad people too, when they are sorry for their sins.

When they were in the house, Zacchaeus told Jesus he was sorry for the bad things he had done. He made a promise to Jesus. He said: "I will give half of all my money to the poor people. If I have taken too much money from any person, I will pay him back *more* than I took from him."

Jesus spoke kindly to Zacchaeus. He forgave him all his sins. Jesus is the Friend of sinners. He came to save us all. He said: "I have come to save that which was lost." Jesus is *our* Friend and Savior, too!

We can begin to make things right again by saying,

"I'm sorry."

Sometimes that is very hard for us to do.



If we can do something nice to make up for what we did, it will show we are really

sad sorry safe

In the Bible, a tax collector named Zacchaeus showed he was sorry for cheating people out of their money by giving them back 4 times what he took!

