

# Being Sorry



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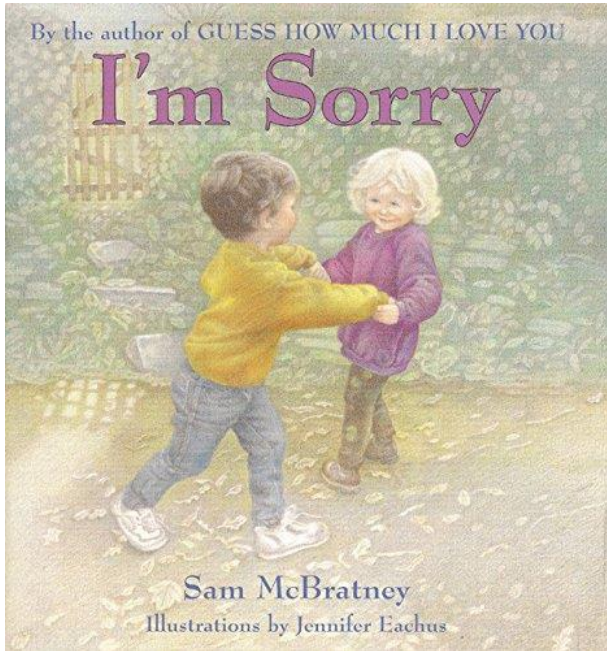
**Luke 15: 20-21**



**. . . so he left the place and went back to his father. While he was a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him. Then his son said, 'Father I have sinned against heaven and you'.**

Explore

# We have choice – sometimes we choose well, and sometimes wrongly



Read "I'm Sorry" by Sam McBratney, or watch this video of the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFxxvzcltjU>

Think about these questions:

*How do you think the boy and the girl feel?*

*What choice has the girl made?*

*What good choices have you made?*

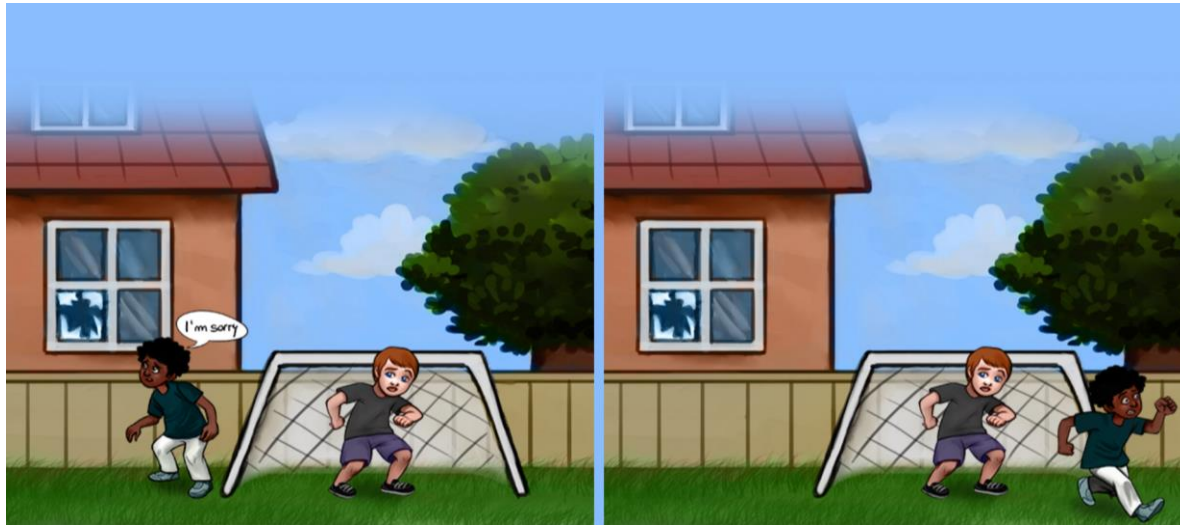
*How did you feel?*

*What happens when you make a wrong choice?*

*How did you feel?*

**TASK:** Look at the images on the next slide and think about which images are good choices and which are bad.

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TASK: Did you spot the good choices? Explain to your adult why they are good choices.

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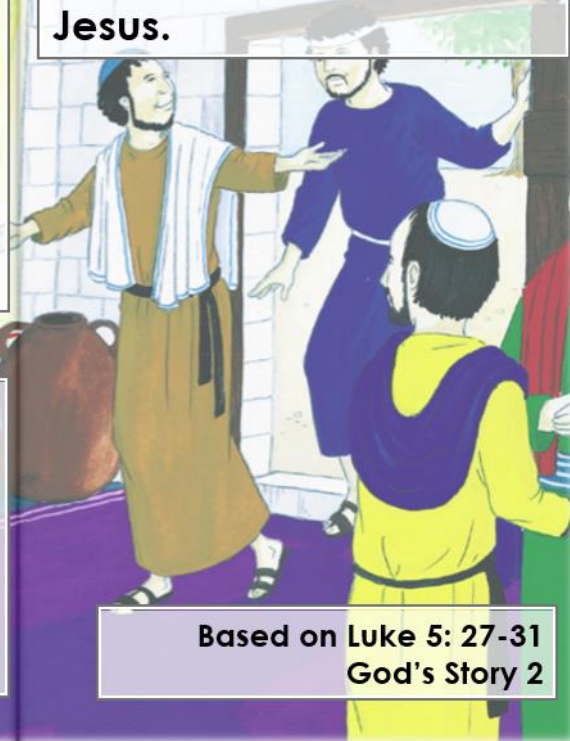
# Jesus helps us when we make wrong choices.

## Levi the Tax Collector

One day Jesus saw Levi the tax collector sitting at his table collecting people's taxes. Jesus knew Levi had not always been honest, but still he asked him to follow his way.

Levi was really pleased at Jesus' invitation and he got up and said: 'Come to my house I am going to have a big party to celebrate.'

Levi changed his ways and became a friend of Jesus.



Based on Luke 5: 27-31  
God's Story 2

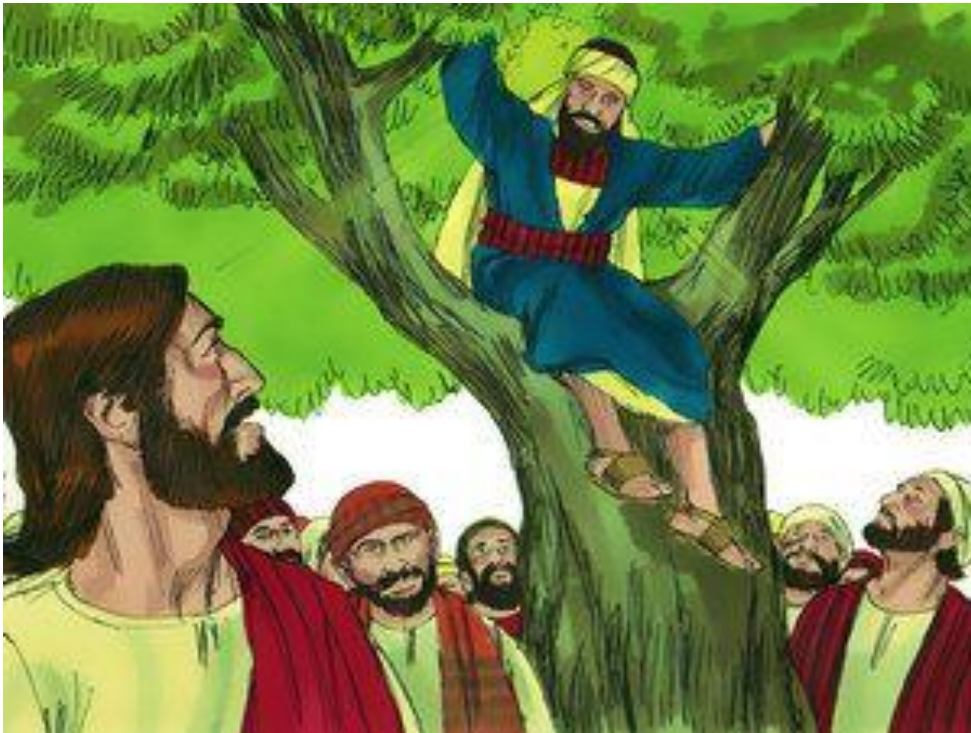
TASK: Write a sorry prayer, that Levi might have said to Jesus, saying why he was sorry.



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# Jesus forgives us when we make wrong choices.

## Zacchaeus the Chief Tax Collector



Using your Bible read the story of Zacchaeus. Alternatively, watch this video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=60&v=B7oxlpkNJd8&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=60&v=B7oxlpkNJd8&feature=emb_logo)

**TASK:** Draw a picture of Zacchaeus and think about the questions on the next slide.

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## Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

When we are sorry for doing something wrong we must **mean** it and we must **show** that we mean it.

*What did Zacchaeus do that showed how sorry he was for what he had done wrong?*

*Think about how **you** could show that you mean it when you say sorry.*

*Could you give your family a hug to say sorry?*

*Could you give back something extra if you took something that wasn't yours?*

**TASK:** Draw a picture to show what you would do to show that you are sorry. Try to show that you are really sorry by doing something extra for the people that you have upset.

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# God's Promise: I will help you

When you call for help I will answer 'Here I Am', and I will help you.

You, in your turn, be ready to help one another.

Be a kind friend and never a bully.

Don't pick fights and be ready to make friends.

Instead of making fun of someone or telling hurtful jokes about them, try to find something good to say.

Share what you have especially with people who have little or nothing.

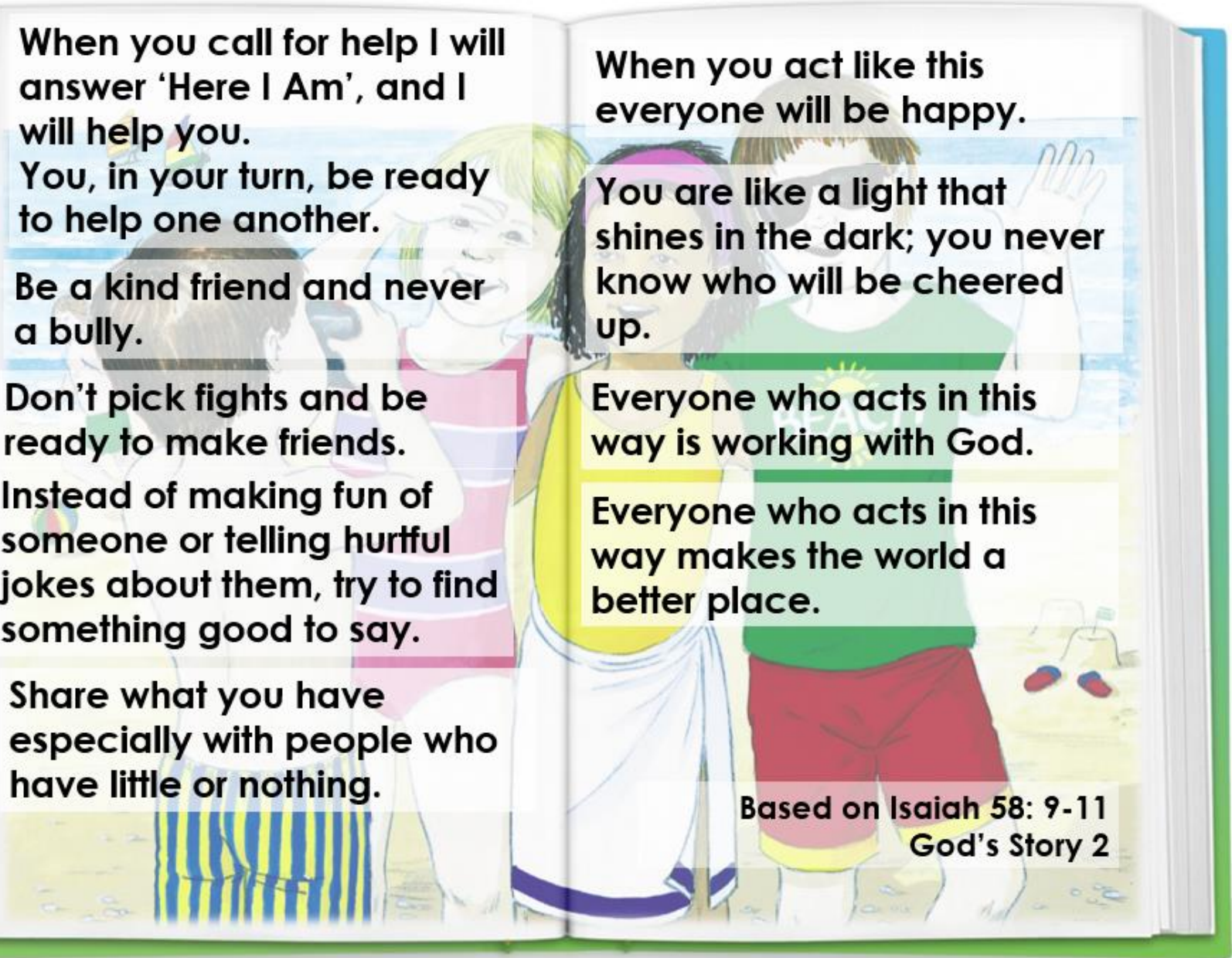
When you act like this everyone will be happy.

You are like a light that shines in the dark; you never know who will be cheered up.

Everyone who acts in this way is working with God.

Everyone who acts in this way makes the world a better place.

Based on Isaiah 58: 9-11  
God's Story 2





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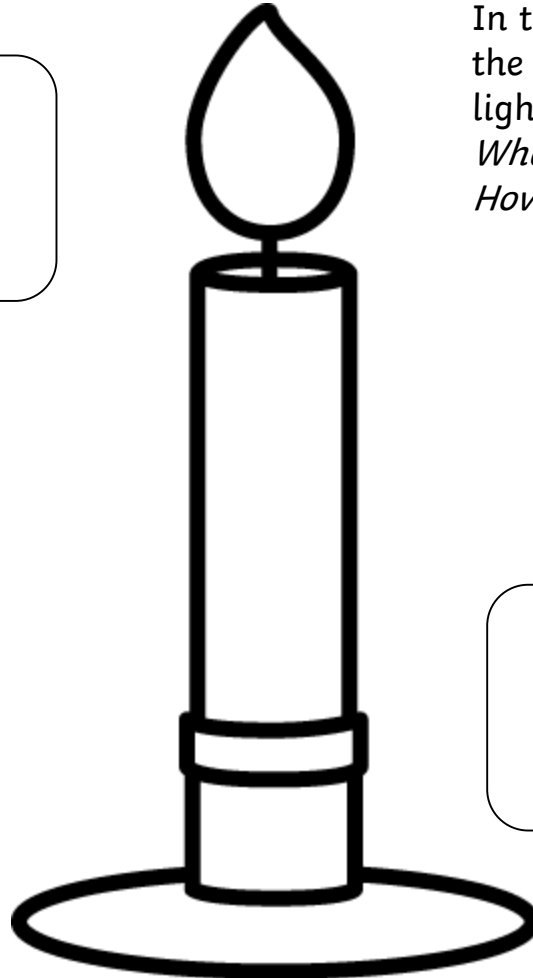
# God helps us to be kind.



In the scripture you have just read on the previous slide, God asks us to be a light that shines in the dark.

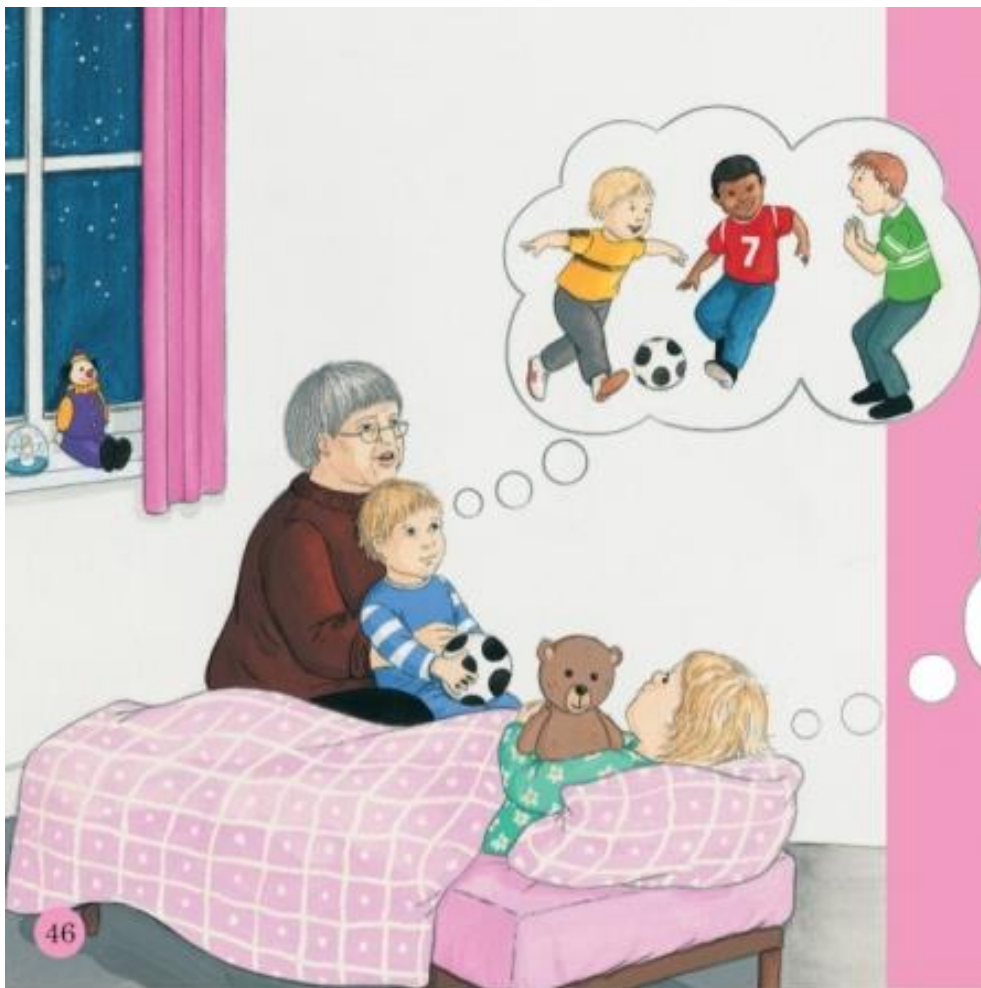
*What does this mean?*

*How can you do this?*



**TASK:** Around the candle write words or phrases that will show how you can be kind and 'be a light that shines in the dark'.

# Recognise that we need forgiveness.



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The end of the day is a good time to think about what has happened during the day, to thank God and to say sorry to God for times when we have not been loving.



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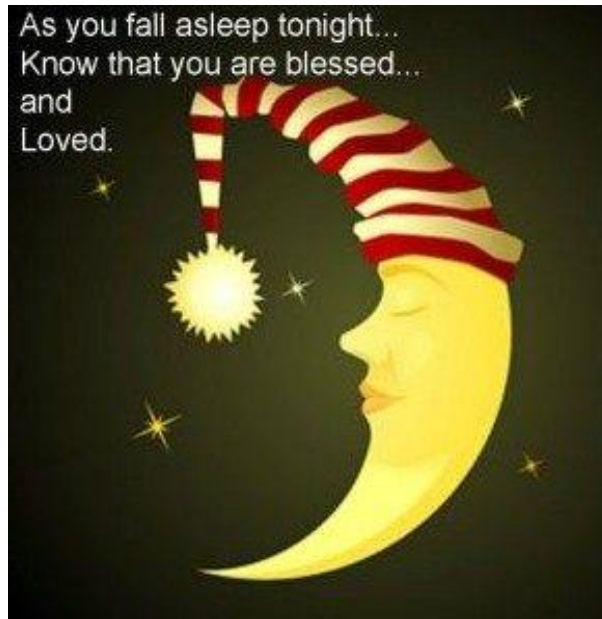
TASK: Complete a card in the shape of a thought bubble, with the words 'Sorry!' on one side and 'Thank you!' on the other to keep under your pillow.

When you go to bed, think about the good things that have happened and say, 'Thank you!' to God for them. Then think about the wrong choices they have made and say 'Sorry!'

Thank you

As you fall asleep tonight...  
Know that you are blessed...  
and  
Loved.

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## Saying sorry

Sometimes we quarrel with each other and have arguments, it is important to say sorry and to forgive others when they say sorry to us. God always forgives us when we are sorry.

**TASK:**  
Learn this sorry prayer



God, our Father, thank you for loving me.  
I am sorry for the times I have not shown love to  
others.

Help me always to live like Jesus.  
Amen.

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# We are happy when we love one another.

Jesus said, "I'm going to give you a new rule.

It's this: Love one another. I love each one of you, and I want you to love each other.

When you're all happy together, everyone will know that you love one another, and that you are my friends."

In John's gospel, we hear about a new rule Jesus gave us. It is a rule which Jesus always kept. Remember that He is always there to help us to follow this rule.

**TASK:** Imagine a world where everyone kept this rule.

Write a recipe for "Creating a World full of Love"

E.g.

*Take a bowl full of kindness and sprinkle it with love.*

*Next add a dollop of friendliness.  
etc*



Respond

# End of Topic Liturgy

Remembering, celebrating and responding to the experience of choice – sometimes we use it well; sometimes wrongly. God helps us to choose well and to be sorry. God forgives us.



Now that you have explored the ideas for this topic, spend some time thinking about the key things you want to remember.

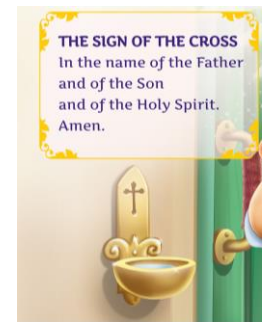
Listen to some quiet music and spend time recording what you found interesting and how you will keep God's new rule to love one another.

With your family, take part in a liturgy, using the resources on the following slides to help you.

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## Gather

Set up a prayer area and choose what to place on it to help you focus on your liturgy. Make a sign of the cross and then talk about the “Big Question.”



Suggestions for your prayer focus area:

- Find a nice piece of cloth or tea towel to lay over a small box
- A cross or a religious statue
- A Bible open at the story of Zacchaeus
- Spring flowers
- Light an LED candle
- Play some gentle background music

THE BIG QUESTION:

Why should we be sorry?

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# The Word

Ask an adult to read the story of the Zacchaeus or watch a video of it online.

The Gospel according to St Matthew



Glory to You Lord.



The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Respond

In our Gospel we heard how Zacchaeus changed his ways to show he was sorry.

Is it ever hard to say sorry?

How can you be like the Zacchaeus in this story and show you are really sorry?



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## Go Forth

Sing "Our God is a Great Big God"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaXPXWBcE3I>

Remember God loves us and will always forgive us when we say sorry.

We know that our actions are more important than our words.

How could you live out Jesus' rule to "Love one another" today?

Write your ideas onto a love heart.

