

## KS1 - Unit 3, Lesson 8 – Zacchaeus - fresh start.

**Context:** We are looking at a series of stories from the Bible that contain practical teachings about everyday life.

**Overview:** In this story about forgiving and making a fresh start it is Jesus that makes the first move.

**Essential core: Agape** - Jesus taught that people should be loving, kind and forgiving to everyone because this is what God is like. Understand that, just as Christians believe that God forgives them, Jesus wants them to forgive everyone and that Christians are reminded about these things every time they pray the Lord's prayer.

**Resources:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1B8uxq0Oz8M>

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/11/23/zacchaeus-meets-jesus/>

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### INTRODUCTION:

Have you ever upset someone or fallen out with them? What happened?

Did they stop playing with you? How did that make you feel? What did you do to be friends again?

What do you think it would feel like if you had upset everyone and no one was your friend?

That was what had happened to the man in this story from the Bible.

### BUILD UP:

This little clay Bible animation tells the story well, although with a church context in mind.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1B8uxq0Oz8M>

This RE:quest retelling the story is suitable for older children.

Zacchaeus - <http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/11/23/zacchaeus-meets-jesus/>

Or you can tell the story of Zacchaeus using Godly play, as here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1B8uxq0Oz8M>

Why did no one want to be Zacchaeus's friend?

Why did Jesus go to Zacchaeus and make friends with him??

Why were the other people angry with Jesus when he did that?

What does this story say about what Jesus is like?

What does this story say about what we should be like?

### TASK:

Everyone needs good friends, and sometimes everyone need a fresh start too.

In groups, make up and act out a story about falling out, going to the other person to say sorry and making a fresh start together.

### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

What does this story say about what Jesus is like?

What does this story say about what we should be like?