

Day 1 - Back on track (part 1)

This overview plan accompanies the collective worship video that can be found here: <https://youtu.be/700tNpjRcO8>
Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.

Gather 	 Engage	Respond 	Send 
<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle</p> <p>“The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>I am always getting lost, I find reading maps really difficult and I even struggle to follow the Sat Nav system in my car. My daughters both know that if they get in the car with me we are likely to have to turn around because I have taken a wrong turn or missed an exit. Fortunately both of my daughters are really good at reading maps, road signs and following the Sat Nav, so now that they are older they can help me find my way and follow the correct roads. By listening to their voice and following their instructions, I am soon back on track and going in the right direction.</p> <p>Sometimes in life we can take a wrong turn or get a bit lost, by making unwise decisions, but hopefully there are people around you, who can help you get back on track.</p> <p>Today we are going to meet another person who met Jesus and their life was totally transformed. The mans name was Zacchaeus. I wonder if you know this story?</p> <p>In the community where Zacchaeus lived, he was known for being the short, mean tax collector who charged people too much tax, giving what he should to the Romans and keeping some of the money for himself. The people in his town did not like Zaccheus and were cross with him for taking too much of their money.</p> <p>Lets see what happened when he met Jesus. Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus meets Jesus.</p>	<p>Jesus spoke kindly to Zacchaeus and asked to come to his house. This act of love and humility from Jesus helped Zacchaeus realise his mistakes. By reaching out with compassion, Jesus helped Zacchaeus get back on track.</p> <p>Christians learn about how they should live and treat others from the example of Jesus. What do you think Christians learn from this episode?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love the person • Offer forgiveness • Lovingly call out mistakes <p>I wonder how you could follow this example Jesus gave? Is there anyone you need to help get back on track? Sit and reflect on this.</p> <p>Dear God, Thank you for how you forgave Zacchaeus to help him get back on track. Help me to make good choices, thinking about the impact these</p>	<p>Jesus wanted to spend time with Zacchaeus, to get to know him and show him love and friendship where no one else had. Jesus saw past the mistakes and just saw a man in need of kindness.</p> <p>I wonder if there is anyone you need to show kindness and friendship to like Jesus did to help them get back on track?</p> <p>Go in joy, go in love, go in peace as you help people get back on track by offering forgiveness and love.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>

	<p>Zacchaeus' bad choices; greed and dishonesty had taken him down a wrong turn, he was lost and didn't have anyone to help him find his way out. Until he met Jesus.</p> <p>What difference did Jesus make to Zacchaeus' life?</p>	<p>decisions may have on others. Help me to help others to get back on track by lovingly calling out their mistakes and offering forgiveness.</p> <p>Thank you that you are a God who loves and forgives each of us. Amen.</p>	
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Day 2 - Forgiven (part 2)

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<p>Welcome to Worship Light the candle</p> <p>“The Lord be with you”</p>	<p>According to many online surveys, saying sorry is the hardest word to say. I wonder why you think that might be? When you say sorry, you have to admit that what you said or did was wrong. You have to face up to the consequences and reflect on your actions. It is not easy at times, but by taking a deep breath and a huge amount of courage you can do it. Saying sorry is hard, but when it is said with genuine remorse, it heal broken reallationships, friendships and hurt feelings.</p> <p>I wonder if you have experienced this?</p> <p>In the story of Zacchaeus, he had stolen a lot of money from people and probably made their lives miserable just to make himself richer and feel important. He could have carried on with this life, but an encounter with a loving and compassionate Jesus changed everything for him and for those who he had stolen from.</p> <p>I wonder if you think it is interesting that Jesus doesn't get cross with Zacchaeus, we don't read of a heated conversation</p>	<p>In the prayer that Jesus taught his followers to pray -Lord's prayer, Christians will pray the words: 'Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.'</p> <p>Asking for forgiveness and forgiving others are at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus thought it was so important he included in the prayer he wanted his followers to pray daily.</p> <p>We are going to spend some time now reflecting on all you have heard today. Saying sorry isn't easy, forgiving people isn't easy, but making these steps can bring forgiveness, freedom and life to people.</p> <p>Forgiveness reflection</p>	<p>Next time you need to say sorry, remember Zacchaeus and the difference saying sorry made to his life and the life of others.</p> <p>Go in love, go in joy as you bring peace into the world by offering love and forgiveness.</p> <p>Amen Blow out the candle</p>



	<p>between the two of them, just a out stretched arm and an invitation to dinner. Through this act of love, Zacchaeus faced up to his greed and dishonesty and made the bold step to say sorry and put it all right again. Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Your repentance shows that today life comes to you and your household.”</p> <p>I wonder what you think Jesus meant when he said this to Zacchaeus?</p> <p>By saying sorry, showing remorse for he had done and making it better Zacchaeus was given life - a free life where people didn’t hate him anymore, a life where he didn’t have to lie to cover up for his cheating, a life where he could go out and help people instead of stealing from them.</p>	<p>Close in prayer: Thank you God that you are a God who forgives. Help me to forgive those who have hurt me. Please help me to have the courage to say sorry when I have upset others with my words or actions. Amen</p>	
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Day 3 - Reconciliation in our local community

See Term 3 Week 5 plan for more ideas.

Statue from Coventry Cathedral - reconciliation. Are there places in our world that need to offer forgiveness and reconciliation?

Day 4 - How do we get back on track?

This video from the Church of England Faith at Home team recaps the Story of Zaccheus and encourages the children to think about how they can get back on track when they have made mistakes.

<https://youtu.be/PBT-hQv7rkc>

Day 5 - Celebrate making good choices

See CW Term 3 Week 5 plan for more ideas

Proverbs 17:9

‘Whoever forgives someone’s sin makes a friend.

But the one who tells about the sin breaks up friendships’.

