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LO: Zacchaeus and forgiveness

Thinking time

Have you ever done something wrong that got you into trouble?

How did it make you feel? Did you have to own up?

How did it get sorted out - did you say sorry? Did people forgive you?

Afterwards, when it was sorted - how did you feel then?

Jesus often got into trouble because he welcomed and made friends with people who had done very bad things. He did this because he believed that God loves them and wants to forgive them and help them to change.

Task

Watch the video by following the link below then answer the questions in full sentences.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BjtbJFz2ug>

1. Why were the people angry when Jesus wanted to befriend Zacchaeus?
2. What did Zacchaeus do to show that he was sorry?

Jesus message was that if people wanted to be forgiven by God they had to "repent and believe the Good News." Repent is not just saying sorry. Repent means to change direction, turning from what is bad to what is good.

3. Did Zacchaeus do that?
4. Why did Jesus befriend Zacchaeus?