

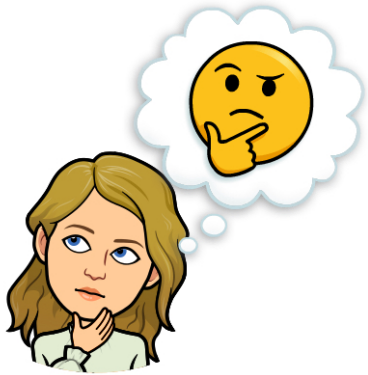


Good afternoon, Year 3 ☺

Today, we will be continuing our new RE topic all about **Reconciliation**. We will be learning all about this special Sacrament of forgiveness, reflect on some important Bible stories and think about the different choices that we make in our lives.

Last lesson, we learnt about **a special parable** that Jesus told all about the importance of choices, the Prodigal Son. Today, we will learn about another important Bible story that you may know, all about the life of Zacchaeus.





Jesus **encountered (met)** many people during his **ministry (life)** to whom he was able to bring the **forgiveness of God**.

Zacchaeus was one of those people. What can you remember about the story?



# Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January

## Zacchaeus



Prior learning: Was anyone changed in the parable of the Prodigal Son? How?



# What are our key words for today's lesson?



Tax collector  
(someone who  
collects money)



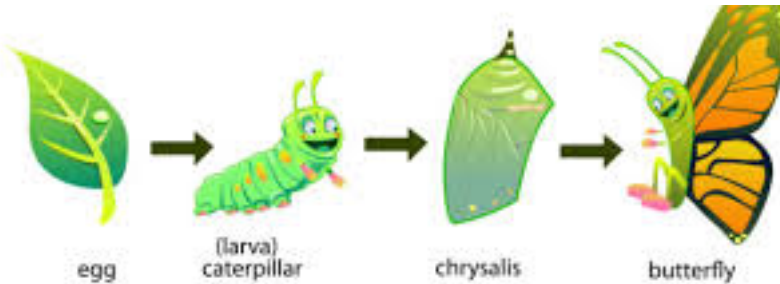
forgiveness



tree



crowd

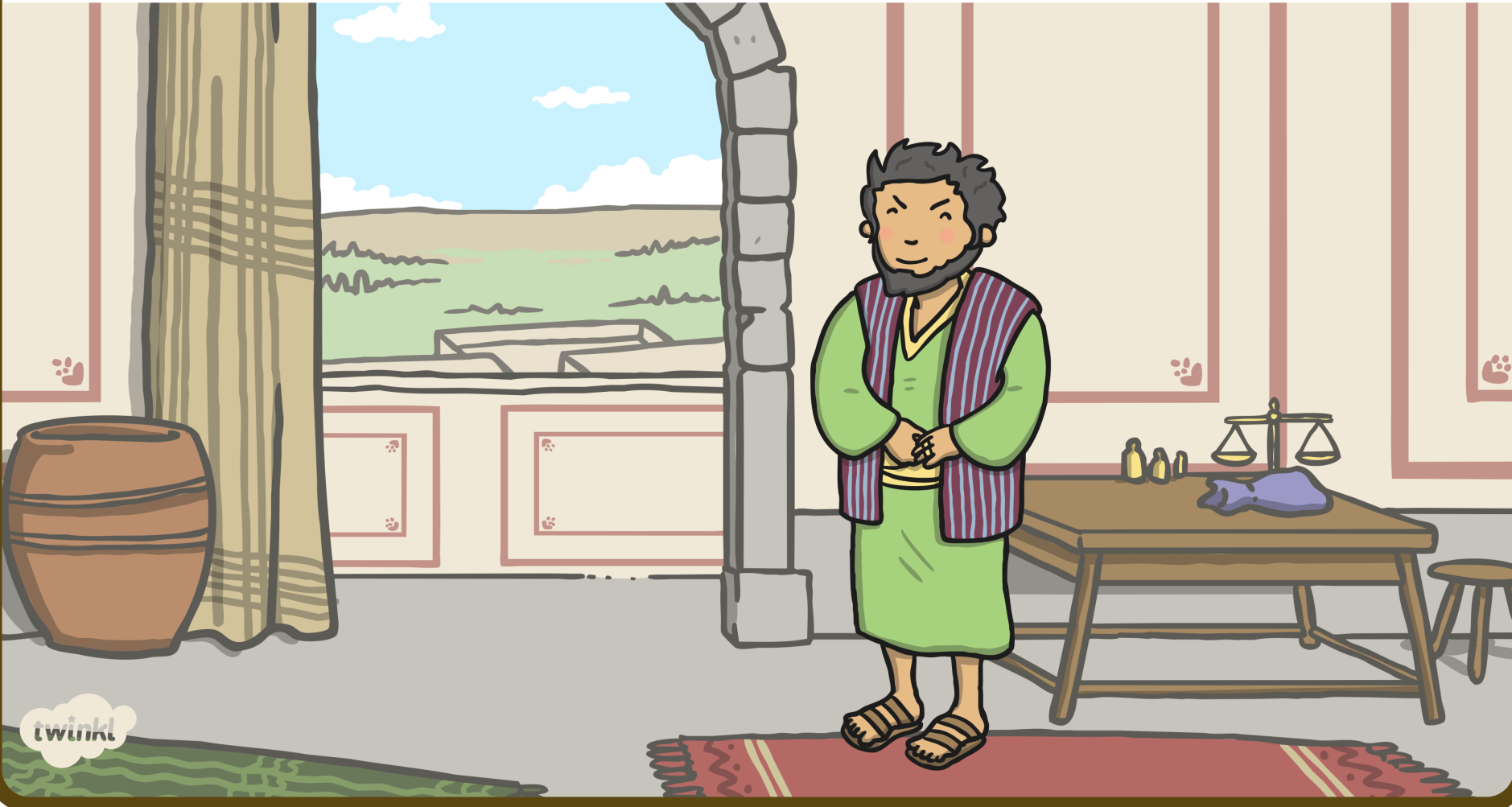


transformation  
(a change)



# The story of Zacchaeus

In the town of Jericho lived a man named Zacchaeus. He was the town's chief tax collector and was very wealthy. He was also very unpopular because the Jews hated the tax collectors who stole money for themselves.



Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was visiting Jericho and decided that he wanted to see who this Jesus was. However Zacchaeus was too short to see over the crowd that had gathered around Jesus.



So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead and climb into a sycamore-fig tree to get a better view as Jesus passed. To his surprise as Jesus drew near he called up into the tree and said, “Zacchaeus, come down. I’m coming to your house for tea!” Zacchaeus was delighted!



Some other people weren't so pleased though and were cross with Jesus. They began to mutter, "What business does he have getting cosy with this crook?"

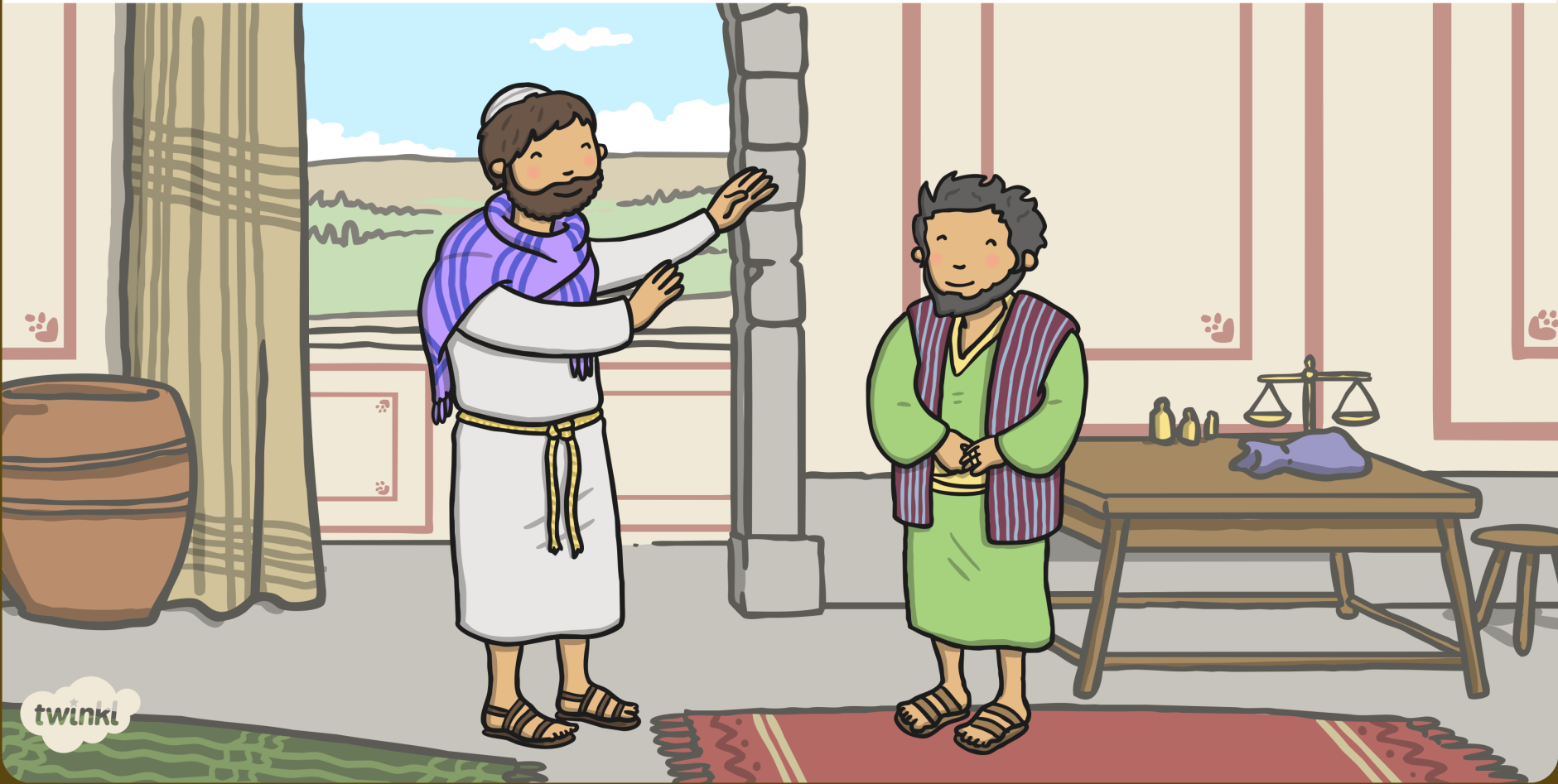




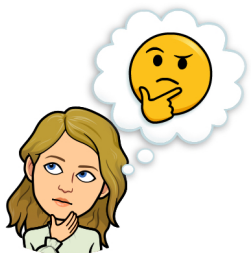
However after having Jesus as his guest Zacchaeus had a change of heart about his greedy ways. He announced, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my wealth to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”



As Zacchaeus said this Jesus replied, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! Finding and restoring lost people like this is just why I came here." From that day forward Zacchaeus became a very popular person.

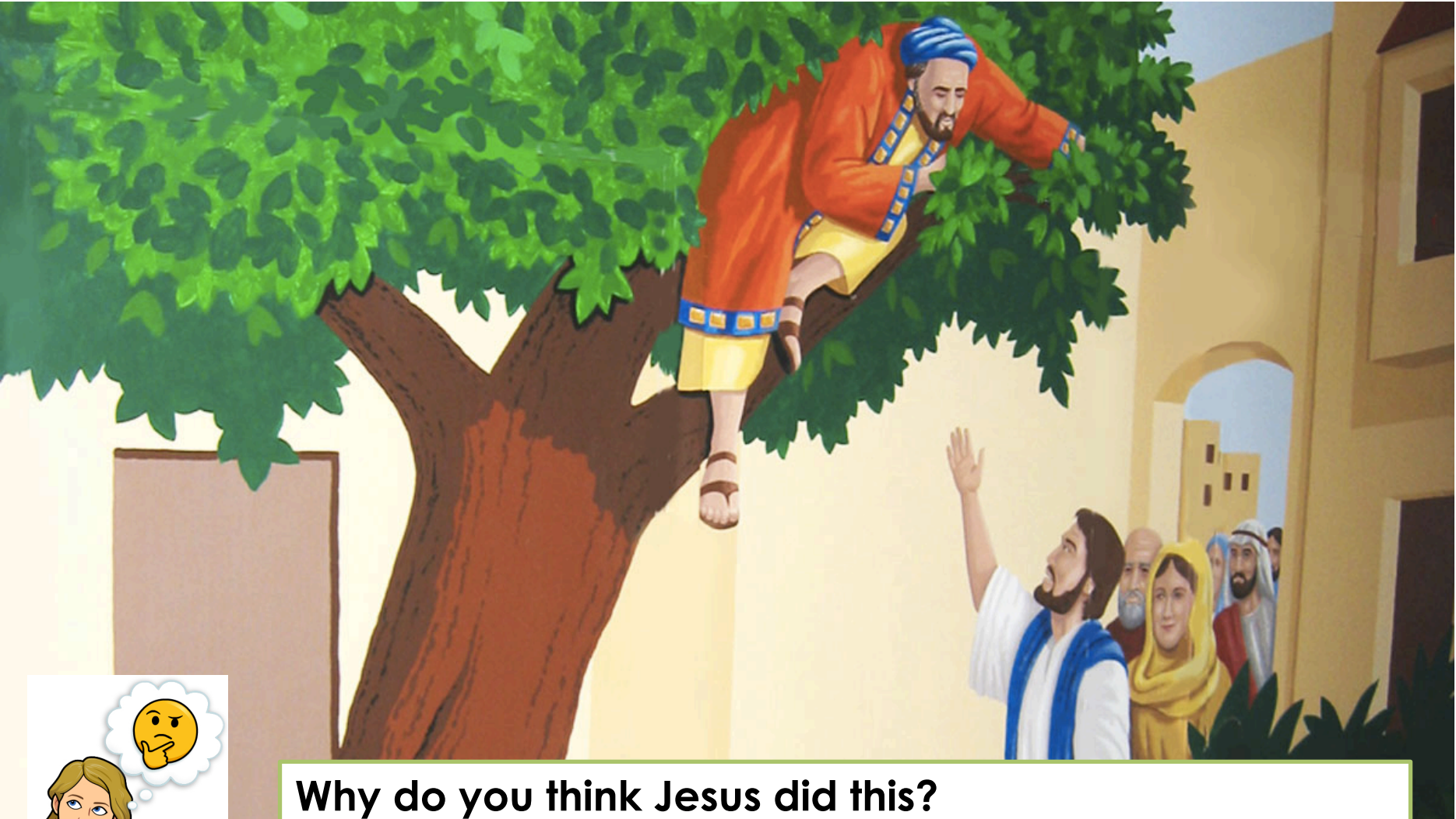


Throughout the story, Zacchaeus changes.  
What kind of person do you think he was at the start of the story?



What adjectives would you use to describe Zacchaeus at the start of the story?

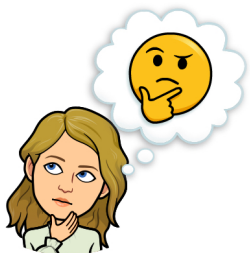
**Throughout the story, Zacchaeus changes.  
How do you think Zacchaeus felt when Jesus asked him to get down from the tree and told him that he was coming for dinner?**



**Why do you think Jesus did this?**



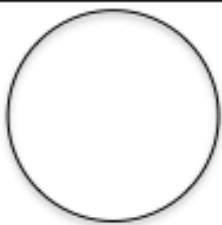
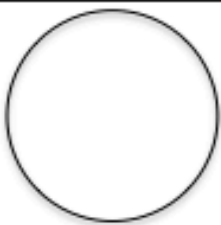
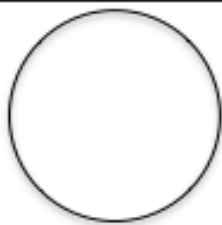
By the end of the story, Zacchaeus had a **complete transformation**. He was completely different from the greedy tax collector that he was at the beginning of the story. Through meeting Jesus, people were forgiven and were able to change.



In what ways was Zacchaeus different?  
How did he show that he was a changed man?

**Activity:** Complete the **feelings, thoughts and actions chart** based on the story of Zacchaeus. Think carefully about how these would change throughout the story. Use my example and the word mat on the next few pages to help you 😊.

*Remember, just copy the chart out onto paper if you don't have a printer.*


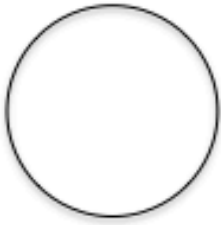
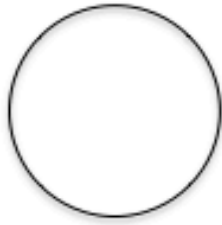
Before	During	After
Feelings: 	Feelings: 	Feelings: 
Thoughts:	Thoughts:	Thought:
Actions:	Actions:	Actions:

## Miss Robertson's example:

When Zacchaeus was a tax collector

When Zacchaeus climbed the tree to see Jesus

When Zacchaeus was forgiven and changed his life

Before	During	After
<p><b>Feelings:</b></p> <p>greedy</p>  <p>Draw a picture to show his feelings at each point</p>	<p><b>Feelings:</b></p> 	<p><b>Feelings:</b></p> 
<p><b>Thoughts:</b></p> <p>I love taking money from people and keeping some for myself. I don't care if people are poor.</p>	<p><b>Thoughts:</b></p>	<p><b>Thought:</b></p>
<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p>Zacchaeus collected money from people. He often kept some back for himself.</p>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p>	<p><b>Actions:</b></p>

Use these key words/ phrases to help you.  
Can you put them into the right place on the chart?

grateful

greedy

I am a new man

I love stealing money

climbing the  
tree

Tax collector

desperate

I am sorry

collecting money  
from the poor

Why have I  
been so mean?

Finally, I can  
see Jesus

loved

giving money back to  
the poor

Thank you  
Jesus



Challenges: What similarities can be drawn to the Prodigal Son parable?  
What can be learned from this story?



Dear God,  
Thank you for making us special  
And for loving each and every one of us.  
Help us to share that love with one another  
And to let you make our hearts new.  
Thank you for your love,  
Amen





Thank you for working so hard.  
You are all superstars.  
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