



Change you can see

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Luke 19:8–10



Topic

Turning around and making amends



Takeaway

Real change shows in what we do



8 minutes



Object: a few coins and a slip of paper saying “Sorry”



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “Turning around and making amends”. Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Ask: Is a “sorry” always enough? When do you have to do more to make something right?

2 min

Bible text

Jesus is a guest at Zacchaeus’ house. In the middle of the meal Zacchaeus stands up and says: “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Nobody forced him to. Jesus says: “Today salvation has come to this house.”

3 min

Thought

Meeting Jesus changes Zacchaeus – and the change costs him something. Turning around is more than a guilty conscience: it shows in how we treat people, money and time. Sometimes it means giving something back, apologising or making good a wrong. Not to earn God’s love – but because we have experienced it.

2 min

Conversation

Is there something you would like to put right?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, your love changes people. Show me where I can make amends, and give me the courage to do it. Amen.



To think further

- Why did Zacchaeus give back more than he had to?
- How can you ask for forgiveness without making excuses?



For leaders

- Never put young people on the spot: ask open questions, nobody has to answer.
- Let one of the young people read the Bible text aloud.
- Encourage them to say the prayer themselves – the written prayer gives confidence.



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