**3.4 CALLED TO CHANGE/RECONCILIATION**

**CONCEPTS:** Redemption, Sacrament, Liturgical year: Lent/Holy week

**About this unit**

This unit is designed to develop the children’s knowledge and understanding of Jesus’ teaching on forgiveness and how he helped people change for the better. The children will reflect on the process of reconciliation and know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God’s love and forgiveness.

**Where this unit fits in**

This unit builds on previous learning in the Foundation Stage during the unit F4 ‘Sorrow and Joy’ and during Year Two during the unit 2.3 ‘The Good News’. It builds on work about Lent.

**Prior learning**

It would be helpful if children have reflected on their friendships and how, after they fall out, they put things right again.

**Key Words**

Jesus, Zacchaeus, Levi, change, behaviour, sinner, celebration, love, forgive, sorrow, sorry, forgiveness, reconciliation, confess, sacrament, Reconciliation, act of sorrow

**Links to ‘God’s Story’ and ‘Church’s Story’**

*God’s Story 2,* pp. 68, 70-71,

*God’s Story 3,* pp. 96, 102-103,

*Church’s Story 2,* pp. 64-75 (Lent, Holy Week)

*Church’s Story 3,* pp. 96-99 (Lent)

**KEY SCRIPTURE**

Luke 19: 1-10 Zacchaeus

Luke 15: 4-7 The Lost Sheep

Luke 15: 11-32 The Lost Son

Mark 10: 17-22 The rich young man (it’s not easy to change)

Luke 5: 27-29 The call of Levi (it’s not easy to change)

**KNOWLEDGE SEQUENCE**

• God is a loving Father and will always forgive us, e.g. The Lost Sheep

• Reconciliation is one of the seven Sacraments which can be received more than once.

• The Sacrament of Reconciliation has a sequence and have some understanding of that sequence.

• Jesus’ teachings on forgiveness are found in the Gospels.

• Jesus calls us to change: Zacchaeus and The Lost Son.

• Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and Lent is a time for new beginnings and change.

**WTL LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

• Know that Jesus called people to change and turn away from sin to receive the love of God

• *Think about why this is important*

• Understand what it means to make wrong choices and reflect on how wrong choices affect us and other people

• Know Jesus’ teaching on sorrow and forgiveness (understand that God always loves us)

• Know that it is not always easy to change and turn away from sin

• Know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God’s love and forgiveness

• Know and understand an Act of Sorrow

• Know that Lent is a time to change and that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent

• Reflect on how Jesus calls us to change

• Identify ways we can change this Lent and make our own Lenten promises

• Understand what it means to say we are sorry

• Deepen awareness of how forgiveness makes a person whole again

**BY THE END OF THIS UNIT PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO:**

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| Retell one of Jesus’ stories of forgiveness, ensuring it is accurate in its sequence and detail. | Make simple links between stories and Jesus’ teaching about forgiveness  | Ask and respond to questions about the feelings and experiences of characters in the stories, as well as their own  | Describe with increasing detail and accuracy the steps involved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Make simple links between our choices and their consequences (new book) | Express a point of view about whether forgiving is easy or hard to do (old book) | Use religious words accurately like, Jesus, Zacchaeus, sinner, love, forgive, sorrow, sorry, forgiveness, reconciliation, confess, sacrament, Reconciliation, act of sorrow | Make a simple link between the beliefs Christians hold about Lent (Lenten promise, three Christian duties -prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) and how it affects their behaviour. |
| Give at least two reasons why reconciliation is necessary |