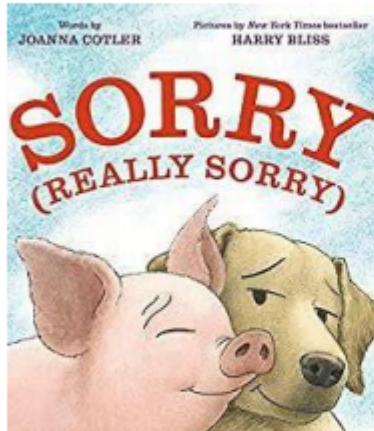


## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – YEAR 1 – RECONCILIATION

### EXPLORE: Sometimes our choices are right and sometimes they are wrong



Read and share together: Sorry (really sorry) by Joanna Cotler

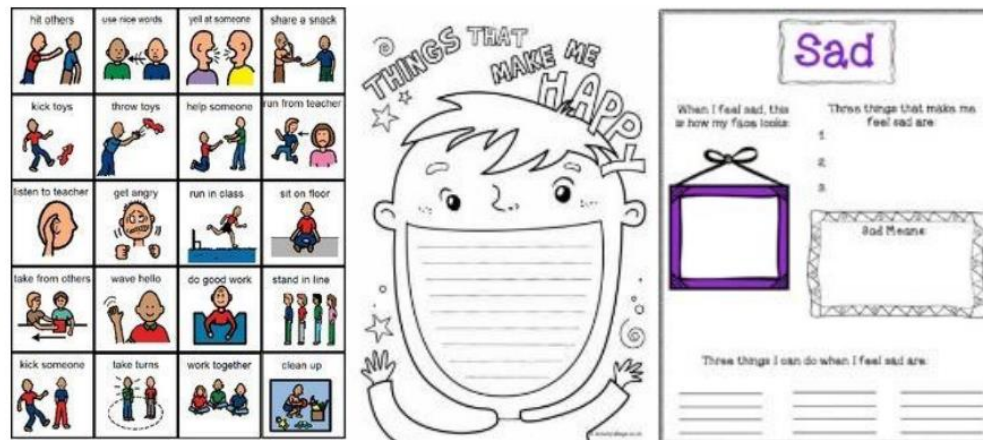
Full book available on You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjb0NVivGUI>

Talk about the situations where we must choose what to do and how sometimes we make good choices – good for others and for ourselves – and sometimes we make wrong choices which make others and ourselves unhappy.

### Choose Activities

- Give children an assortment of pictures – children to sort into 'good choices/wrong choices' and talk about what is happening in each picture. (See next page 5 for ideas)
- Complete a worksheet: *Things that make me happy ... Things that make me sad.* (See below for ideas)



**REVEAL:** Jesus forgives us when we make wrong choices.

- Read and share together: *God's Story 2* pages 70-71 *Good News for Zacchaeus*, based on Luke 19:1-10.

Talk about when we make wrong choices like Zacchaeus did, we need to show that we are sorry in some way.

- Talk together and answer these questions...

What wrong choices did Zacchaeus make?

How did Zacchaeus feel when Jesus told him that he was coming to his house?

Why did the people complain?

How did Zacchaeus show he was sorry for his wrong choices?

Why was it a happy day for Zacchaeus?

### Choose Activities

- Make a story board of the events for the display.
- Insert some speech bubbles onto the picture from *God's Story 2* page 70 and ask the children to put in the words that Jesus and Zacchaeus spoke to each other. (Please see page 7)
- Make a prayer card with the words 'Sorry!' on one side and 'Thank you!' on the other. Ask children to keep this safe at home. Ask them, when they go to bed, to think about the good things that have happened and say, 'Thank you!' to God for them. Then to think about the wrong choices they have made and say 'Sorry!'



