



1. As pupils enter

Play your chosen music as the children enter and display the set of scales (or an image of it).

2. Introduction

Ask the children to look at the scales and ask whether this looks fair? You could say: 'If I gave all the sweets on this side to one child, and a small amount of sweets on the other side to another child, would it be fair?'

Ask: 'How could I make this fairer?'

Model moving the sweets and, if they are in packets, counting out the packets on each side so there is an equal amount.

Explain that the story in the video is a very old one about the value of fairness.

3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 27". The final words are: 'See you again soon. Bye!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

Lead a discussion about the story and the value of fairness by asking:

- Do you think Zacchaeus was happy with his life? (The children will need to use their imaginations to answer this, though it does say in the video that Zacchaeus was wealthy but had few friends)
- How did Zacchaeus change his ways as a result of meeting Jesus?
- How does it feel when things are not fair?
- What things do you think are unfair in our world today?
- How do we make sure people are treated fairly at school? (You might have a school statement that you can share - eg 'We believe each child is special and we treat everyone fairly')
- Why is being fair important?

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

Video page



6. Opportunity to reflect

Let's take some time to think about fairness and what it means...

There can be times when things don't feel fair...and that can make us feel unhappiness and pain...

Think about what the right thing to do is when things don't feel fair...

We can all help to make others happy by being fair...

So how will you show fairness today...in school, at home, or somewhere else...

7. Opportunity for prayer

Begin with your usual form of address ('Dear God', 'Let us pray', etc) and:

Thank you for the story of Zacchaeus meeting Jesus and that he realised he had been unfair to people.

Thank you that he changed his ways and became fair and generous to others.

Please help us to be fair and generous.

Amen.