New beginnings

*YOU WILL NEED:*

Plasticine, 3 pieces of paper with blank faces on, some fancy dress items.

*Activity*

Get 3 volunteers and choose one for the plasticine, one for the faces and one for the clothes. You must call out one of the items on the list (either old man, baby or teacher) and they have to make their item (plasticine, drawing or clothes) look like that person. i.e. one sculpts, one draws, and one dresses up. Get the audience to vote for who they think is best.

*Talk*

Our volunteers found changing some of those things quite difficult. Sometimes changing or starting again is quite difficult. Today we are going to think about a man who didn’t even realise he wanted to change until he met Jesus.

*Story*

Tell the story of Zacchaeus.

*Talk*

After meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus wanted to change. He wanted a new beginning. He knew that he had done loads of wrong stuff. He had cheated people, lied to people, and he knew people didn’t like him. He wanted a fresh start. He wanted to be different.

*Challenge*

The great thing is that everyone can have a new beginning just like Zacchaeus. This September you can have a new beginning. It doesn’t matter if you didn’t try hard last year at school, or you didn’t behave very well because this year you can be different. Are there any positive changes you think you can make this year?

*Prayer*