

Ask the children if they can think of anything that is new today or this week.

Point out that it is the start of a new routine at home rather than school. It is a time of new beginnings.

Explain that you are going to watch a story about a man who had a new start in his life. (Zacchaeus)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe7dTNID6h8

Explain that just like Zacchaeus got a new chance when he met Jesus, so everyone can have a second chance. Point out that each day is a new chance - a chance to be different. If we've done things we're sorry about, we can begin afresh each new day.

Prayer

Dear God,

Help us when we are frightened because we have to do something new.Help us always to be willing to try something new.Help us not to be afraid of making a mistake.Help us always to do our best.

Amen.

Hymn (One of the children's favourites – sorry it's only the first couple of verses)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovUPYvJ22PY