

Zacchaeus Sharing Activity

Talk to the children about how Zacchaeus was greedy and wasn't very good at sharing. Because of this, nobody wanted to be friends with him.

Talk about how it makes us feel when people share with us and when people grab things and don't share. Relate this to examples at nursery.



Ask what things are difficult to share – can you share an ice cream? Tell the children that you can't share a real ice cream but you can share a pretend ice cream. We are going to make some to practice.



Depending on the age and ability of the children, they could help you to make the cones by drawing lines on the paper and using tape to stick it into a cone shape.

Take turns passing the 'ice cream' ball around the group. Use this as an opportunity to practice using language: 'would you like to share my ice cream', 'yes please', 'thank you'.

You could extend this into colours using different coloured balls, i.e. 'would you like a red ice cream or a blue ice cream'. If you could then relate this to flavours (strawberry, chocolate, vanilla). The activity could lead to making an 'ice cream shop' for children to play with.

Talk about how it feels when people share nicely. Relate this back to the Zacchaeus story where Jesus taught him to share so everyone wanted to be his friend again.