



Forgiveness

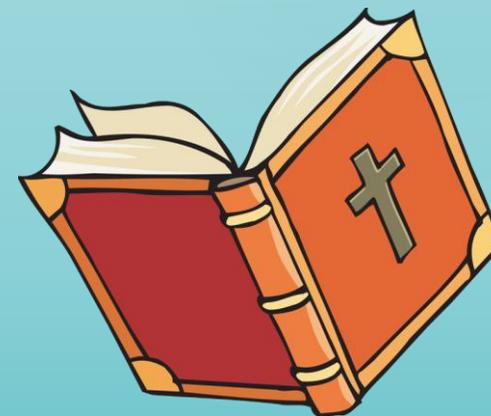


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Colossians 3.13



Turning over
a new leaf

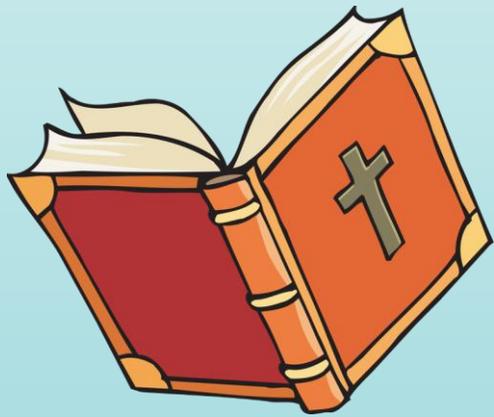






We have gathered together
in the name of God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and think about our value forgiveness.





Our words of wisdom from the Bible this term are:

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If a person is forgiven for something that they have done that is wrong, they usually want to show that they mean to behave differently in the future. Sometimes we call this 'turning over a new leaf'.

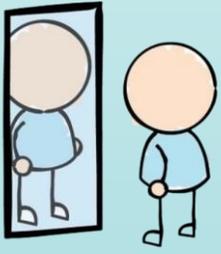


When Jesus visited a man called Zacchaeus that's exactly what happened.

Zacchaeus was a short, rich tax collector in Jericho who was disliked for taking extra money. When Jesus came to town, Zacchaeus couldn't see over the crowd, so he climbed a sycamore tree. Jesus called him down, visited his home, and changed his heart. Zacchaeus promised to pay back everyone he cheated, showing that love and forgiveness can transform anyone.

Zacchaeus - story

Zacchaeus by Bob Hartman



Reflecting

What did Zacchaeus do to show that he had turned over a new leaf and changed?





Responding

Think about something you have needed to be forgiven for.
How have you turned over a new leaf and changed your behaviour to show that you are really sorry?





I'll lead the prayer if you would like to make the prayer yours join in with the Amen at the end.

A new leaf prayer



Father God,

You offer forgiveness to us today,

just as you did to Zacchaeus 2000 years ago.

Like Zacchaeus, help us to turn over a new leaf and begin again.

Help us to show others we are sorry by the way we behave.

Amen

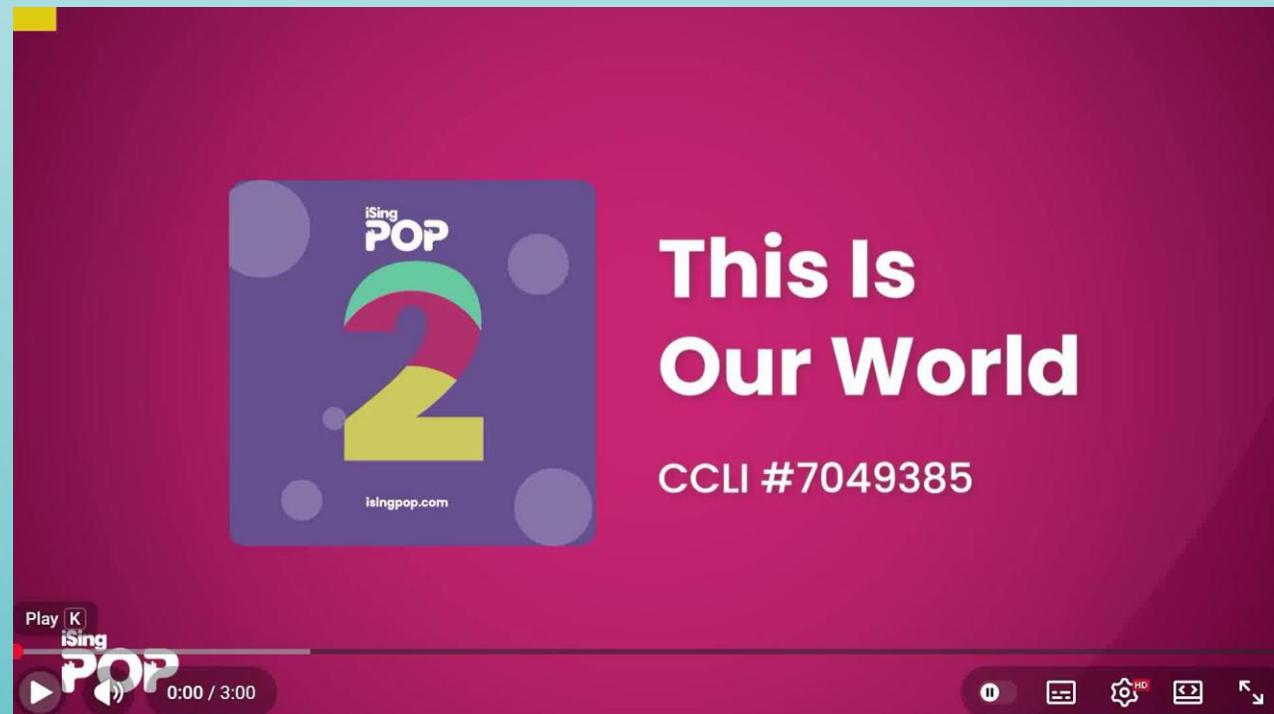


The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.



This is our World



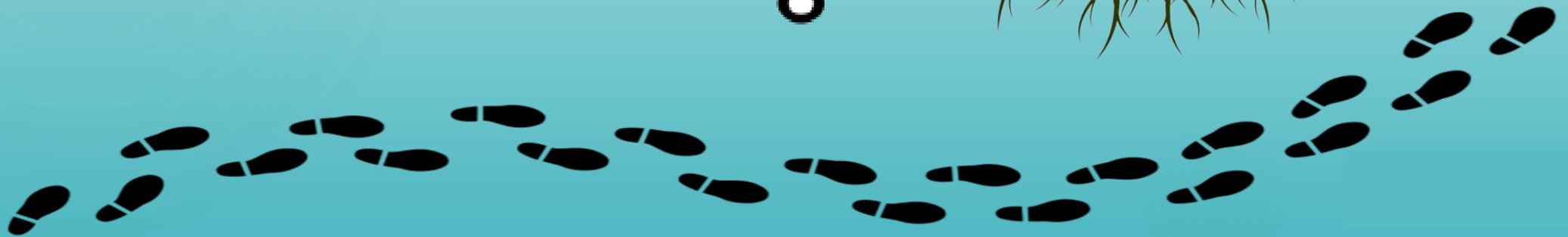
Fruits from the roots

A New Leaf

Cut out a leaf shape and write something you are sorry for.

Then turn the leaf over and say how you will change your behaviour

or turn over a new leaf.





Dear God

Thank you for our amazing school
and all the opportunities we have to shine.



Thank you God

Thank you for the church and school community that helps us to anchor
our lives in faith and our confidence to shine brighter.

Thank you God

Help us to show the light of Christ in everything we think, say and do.

Help us God

Help us to have the strength to be positive and
spread happiness to everyone we meet.

Help us God

Let your light shine through us.

Amen



