

John: Oh, Hi Pete - Good to see you again

Pete: Have you recovered yet?

John: Recovered from what?

Pete: Shifting all those pews ready for the Christmas concert.

John: Oh that wasn't too bad as I had a few people helping me, including a special friend of mine.

Pete: who was that then?

John: He's here, Ill go and ask him in.

(John goes and gets Gloopy the Irish Setter...)

Pete: that's a strange looking dog - what sort of dog is it

John: He's a sheepdog

Pete: Mmm ...Sheepdog? - doesn't look like a sheepdag to me

John: Yes he is...He herds pews back into their places

Pete: Ha Ha very funny....you mean he's a

Gloopy: No I'm different. I'm Gloopy the Irish Colliesetter

Pete: Colliesetter - never heard of one of those - Hey...you talk as well...dogs don't talk!

Gloopy: Well I do, cause I'm a colliesetter... you'd be surprised at what I can do

Pete: Wow.. you are different aren't you..you're really strange!

Gloopy: Well I am me and I'm unique

Pete: Hey, that's like the little man in the video we just watched. He was really strange as well

John: Do you mean the story of Zacchaeus, Pete?

Pete: That's right, Good ole Zaccy... he was different because everyone was taller than him and he couldn't see Jesus

John: And what did he do so he could see Jesus?

Pete: He climbed a tree and when Jesus came by, Jesus saw him and asked him to join him for lunch. And people were surprised because Zaccy was not a nice man

Gloopy.... He was a cheat and I don't like cheats.

John: But remember Jim - because Jesus made him feel special loved and accepted....(even though he was little and even though he was not nice)... Zac changed and stopped cheating. Zac even began to share all his things with others.

Pete: What's all this got to do with Gloopy being a strange dog?

Gloopy: I'm NOT strange... I'm just different

Pete: You're strange.

Gloopy: Different.

John: OK OK you two... Remember, Jesus taught us that no matter what shape you are, big or small, round or thin - he loves you. No matter what colour you are. He loves you. Everyone is special, loved and accepted in God's book, especially if we say sorry to him for the things we do wrong. Just like Zaccheaus.

I know a song about being special, loved and accepted... do you two want to sing it with me?

Pete: That would be brill. I love singing. I used to sing with my mate Gareth Malone you know.

PLAY VIDEO <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O72j8Cc1XG8>

John: That was brilliant Pete and Jim - now say 'bye to each other

Pete: 'Bye Jim

Gloopy: 'Bye Pete. We must do this again sometime