

God's identification with the poor:

- 2 Corinthians 8:9
- Proverbs 19:17
- Proverbs 14:31
- Matthew 25:31-46
- Philippians 2:5-7

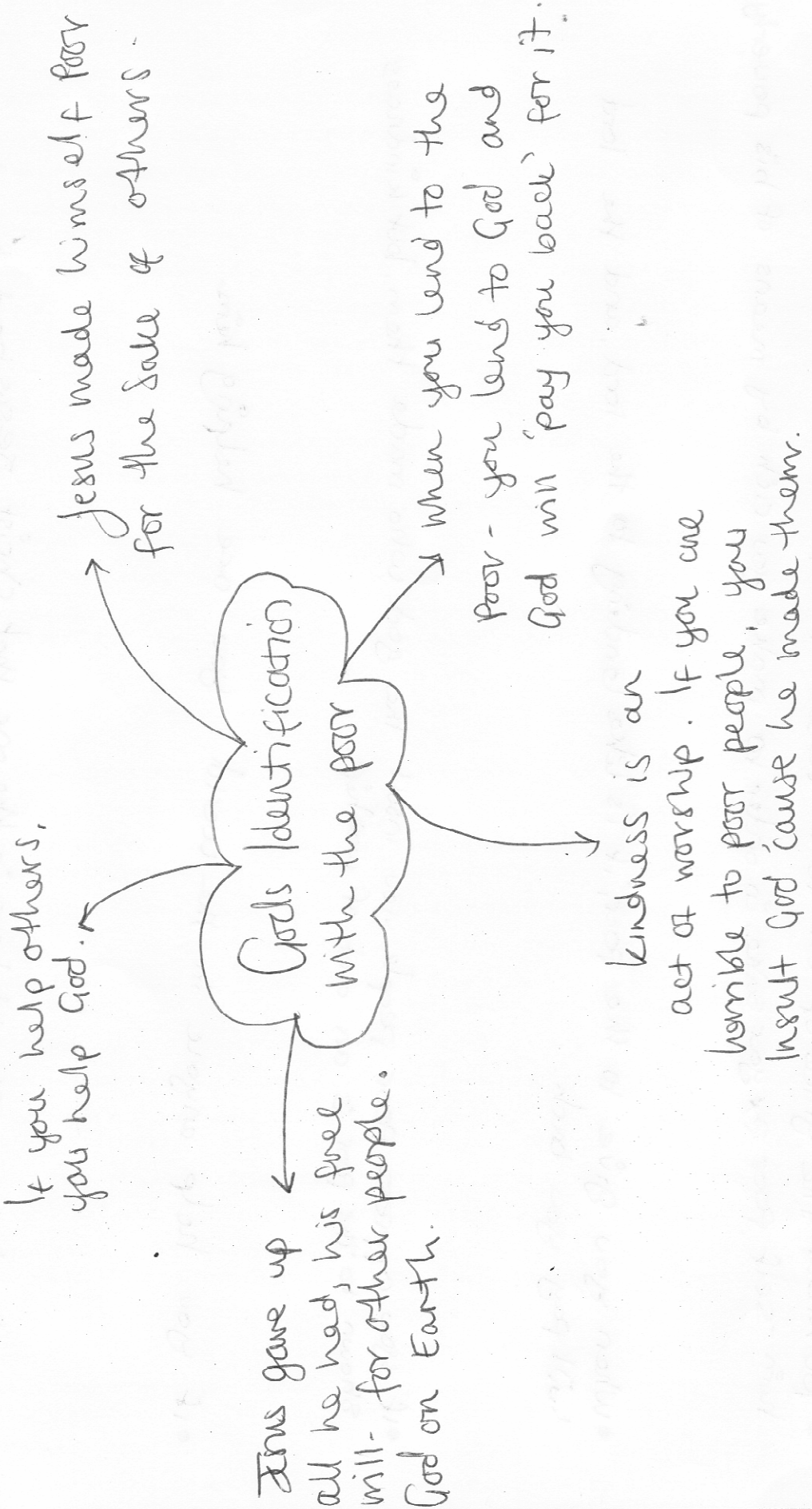
God isn't a conservative; he's a revolutionary. He not only takes the side of the poor; he puts himself in their place. In the very alarming parable of the sheep and the goats he speaks of salvation as depending on how we treat the poorest and the most afflicted.

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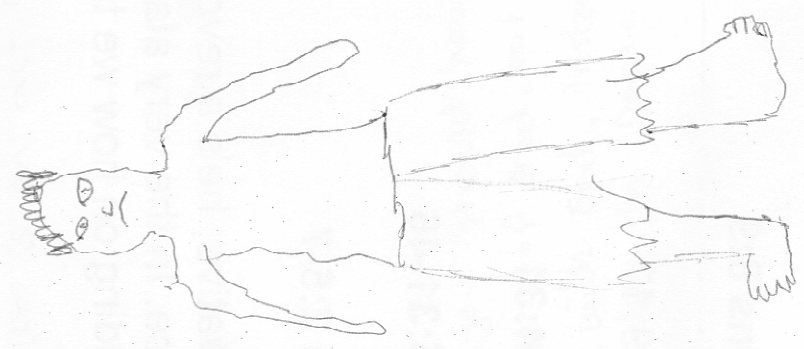
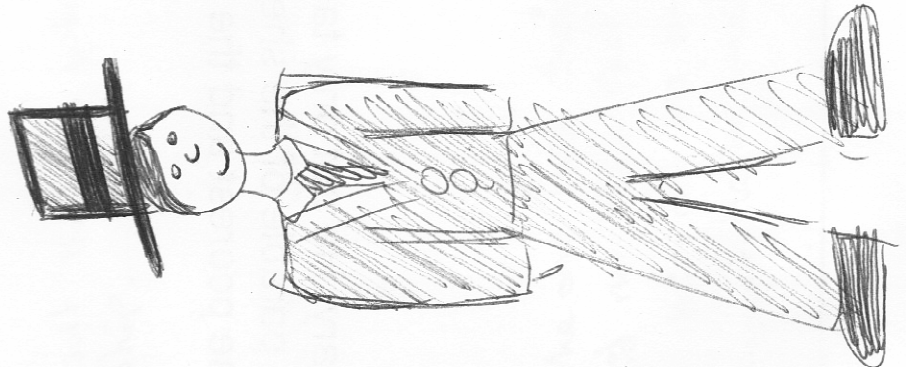
- You know the grace of our lord Jesus Christ; rich as he was, he made himself poor for your sake, in order to make you rich by means of his poverty.
- When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the lord, and the lord will pay you back.
- If you oppress poor people, you insult the god who made them, but kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship.
- If you help anyone in the world you are helping him.
- The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had: he always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God; instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like a human being and appeared in human likeness.

Stage 2: Using the verses given and the summary from the previous group draw a spider-diagram or brainstorm representing God's identification with the poor



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