

Loxley CofE Community Primary School

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Pupil led collective worship			Spring Term 1 2026		Value: Forgiveness	
Big Question	Welcome & Introduction (2mins)	Bible Verse or Inspirational Quote (2mins)	Personal Reflections (3 mins)	Group Reflection & Activity (4 mins)	Closing Thought & Prayer (2mins)	Hymn/Song (2mins)
Week 1 What does forgiveness mean? KS1: Can you explain forgiveness in your own words? KS2: Why do you think forgiveness is important in friendships and life?	"Welcome everyone! Today we're going to think about forgiveness. What does it mean to forgive someone? Why is it important? Let's explore together." Briefly explain: Forgiveness is letting go of anger or hurt when someone has done something wrong. It's about peace and love.	Verse: <i>Ephesians 4:32</i> — "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." <i>This means we should be kind and forgive others because God forgives us. Forgiveness is a gift that makes relationships better."</i>	Ask children to think quietly: "Can you remember a time when someone said sorry to you? How did it feel to forgive them?" Give 1-2 volunteers a chance to share	"Forgiveness Chain" Give each child a strip of paper. On one side, write something that hurts (e.g., 'someone was mean'). On the other side, write a forgiving word (e.g., 'I forgive you'). Link strips together to make a chain — showing forgiveness connects us. Discuss: "How does forgiveness make us feel connected?"	"Dear God, thank You for forgiving us. Help us to forgive others and show kindness every day. Amen."	Forgive One Another
Week 2 How do you feel when someone says "I forgive you"? KS1: Does it make you feel happy or better inside? KS2: Why do you think forgiveness can change how people feel?	"Welcome everyone! Today we're thinking about forgiveness and how it feels when someone says, 'I forgive you.' Why do those words matter? Let's explore together."	<i>Colossians 3:13</i> — "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." <i>This verse reminds us that everyone makes mistakes, and we should forgive others just as God forgives us. Forgiveness helps us</i>	Ask children to think quietly: "Have you ever forgiven someone else? What happened?"	In pairs, share one time you said "sorry" and were forgiven. Then, write or draw a word or picture that shows how forgiveness feels (e.g., happy, relieved, free). Collect these and stick in collective worship book.	"Dear God, thank You for forgiving us. Help us to forgive others and say sorry when we need to. Amen."	He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

		<i>live in peace and show love to one another.</i>				
Week 3 Why might it be hard to forgive someone? <i>KS1: Is it easy or hard to forgive? Why?</i> <i>KS2: What makes forgiveness difficult, and how can we overcome that?</i>	"Welcome everyone! Today we're thinking about forgiveness and why it can sometimes be hard. Have you ever had someone hurt your feelings? How did it feel? Today we'll explore what God says about forgiveness and why it matters."	Ephesians 4:32 — "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."	Think quietly: Has anyone ever said or done something that upset you? How did you feel? Did you want to forgive them right away or was it hard? Allow 1 minute of silent reflection, then invite 2–3 children to share	Give each child a small piece of paper. Ask them to write or draw something that makes forgiveness hard (e.g., feeling angry, hurt, sad). Collect the papers and place them in a box or basket. Say: "These feelings are real, but God helps us let go of them." Optional: Tear up the papers together as a symbol of letting go.	<i>Dear God, thank You for forgiving us. Help us to forgive others even when it's hard. Fill our hearts with kindness and peace. Amen.</i>	Forgive One Another
Week 4 What happens when we forgive someone? <i>KS1: Does it help us feel better?</i> <i>KS2: How does forgiveness help both people move forward?</i>	"Welcome everyone! Today we're thinking about forgiveness. Have you ever had someone say sorry to you? Or have you said sorry to someone? How did it feel?" Briefly explain: Forgiveness is letting go of anger and choosing peace.	Forgive, and you will be forgiven. — Luke 6:37 This means the bible teaches us that forgiveness is important to God. When we forgive others, we show kindness and love, just like God does to us. Forgiving helps us move forward and helps bring peace to our hearts.	share short reflections "When I forgive someone, I feel less upset inside." "Forgiving helps me stop thinking about what went wrong." "It's not always easy, but it makes friendships better." Child leader adds: "Forgiveness doesn't change the past, but it can change how we feel and how we move forward."	"Letting Go" Ask everyone to clench their fists tightly. Child leader says: "Think about how it feels to hold onto anger or hurt." After a few seconds, ask everyone to slowly open their hands. Child leader continues: "This is like forgiveness. When we forgive, we let go of heavy feelings, and our hearts feel lighter." Optional question (hands up or quiet thinking): "How did your hands feel when you let go?" – Note ideas down for class book.	"Dear God, Thank you for forgiving us. Help us forgive others, even when it's hard. Help our hearts to be kind and peaceful. Amen."	This Little Light of Mine
What can we learn about forgiveness from stories in the Bible or other faiths? <i>KS1: Can you think of a story where someone forgave?</i>	Good morning everyone. Today our worship is about forgiveness. Forgiveness means choosing to let go of anger and being kind, even when someone has hurt us. We are going to think about what stories	Matthew 18:21–35 <i>Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me?' Jesus answered, 'Not</i>	Have you ever fallen out with a friend? How did it feel before you forgave them? How did it feel afterwards? Child leader says: Forgiveness can feel	Forgiveness Traffic Lights Explain: Sometimes forgiveness can feel easy, and sometimes it feels really hard. Child leader reads out short scenarios (or displays them):	Dear God, Thank you for teaching us about forgiveness. Help us to forgive others, even when it is hard. Help us to be kind, caring, and loving like you. Amen.	Love Is Something If You Give It Away

KS2: What does that story teach us about why forgiveness matters?	from the Bible and other faiths teach us about forgiveness, and how we can use this in our own lives.	seven times, but seventy-seven times. This story teaches us that forgiveness should not have a limit. Jesus was saying that we should keep forgiving, just like God forgives us.	difficult at first, but it often helps us feel calmer and happier inside.	Someone bumps into you by accident A friend takes your pencil without asking Someone spreads a rumour about you Action: Children show: ● Green (thumbs up) – Easy to forgive ● Amber (flat hand) – Not sure ● Red (thumbs down) – Very hard to forgive Reflection: Child leader says: This shows us that forgiveness is not always simple, but stories from faiths teach us that trying to forgive is always important.		
How can we show forgiveness in our school every day? KS1: What can you do if someone says sorry? KS2: How can we make forgiveness part of our school community?	Good morning everyone and welcome to our class worship. Today we are thinking about forgiveness and asking: How can we show forgiveness in our school every day? Forgiveness helps us fix friendships, feel calmer, and move on when things go wrong.	<i>"Forgiveness is giving someone another chance."</i> This quote reminds us that forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting what happened. It means choosing to move forward instead of staying upset. When we forgive, we show others that they matter and that friendships are more important than arguments.	Child leader says: "Close your eyes if you feel comfortable and think quietly." Reflection prompts: How do I feel when I am upset with someone? How does it feel when someone forgives me? What could change if I chose forgiveness? (Pause for quiet thinking.)	"Freeze Frame Forgiveness" Child leader explains: We will act out short situations and freeze like statues. The rest of the class will suggest how forgiveness could be shown. Situations to act out: Two friends argue over a turn Someone laughs at a mistake A pupil is left out of a game Someone says sorry after being unkind Ask the class: What could forgiveness look like here? What words or actions could help? Key message: Forgiveness can be	Dear God, Help us to be brave enough to forgive. Help us to be kind with our words and actions. Guide us to make our school a place of peace and friendship. Amen.	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

				shown through words, actions, and choices.		
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