

The Lord's Prayer

We explored forgiveness in The Lord's Prayer:

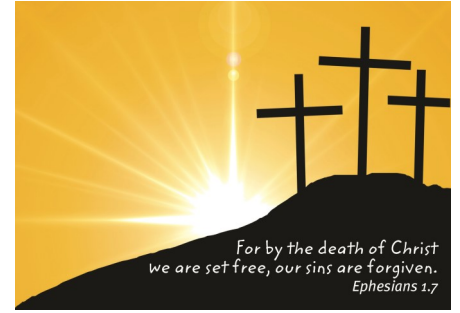
*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Forgiveness is...

- Forgetting the hurts
- Offering a new beginning
- Restoring a friendship
- Given and received
- Identifying responsibility
- Valuing the truth
- Ending an argument
- Not holding a grudge
- Encouraging honesty
- Saying sorry
- Starting again

Easter

We held a school Easter Service in church. During this, and over the term, we explored lots of the Easter Story and the events of Holy Week. We know Jesus died to forgive us for our sins. Christians believe this was part of God's Plan.



Zacchaeus — Turning over a new leaf

Open the book told us the story of Zacchaeus, an unliked tax collector, who turned over a new leaf after Jesus helped him see the error of his ways.

The Forgiving King

Jesus told a parable about forgiveness. A king who forgave a huge debt was angry when the one he'd forgiven demanded from another debtor that he be paid a much smaller debt owed to him. The king held the man accountable, reminding us that God has forgiven us a larger debt

Joseph and his Colourful Coat

Miss Dyer told us the story of Joseph, who showed forgiveness to his brothers, even though they had been horrible to him.

The Forgiveness Garden

Mr Cottrell read us Lauren Thompson's story about how forgiveness helped solve a long hatred between two tribes



FORGIVENESS



QUOTES & QUESTIONS

It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to **forgive**.
(Anon)

Forgiveness is a funny thing, it warms the heart and cools the sting.
(William Arthur Ward)



Have you ever found **forgiving** someone very hard to do?



What do you think these words of wisdom mean?

As I walked out of the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison.
(Nelson Mandela)

When you **forgive** you don't change the past, but you do change the future.
(Bernard Meltzer)



Why do you think Nelson Mandela's example of **forgiveness** has inspired so many people?



Can you think of a time when the future has been changed by an act of **forgiveness**?

'Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.'