

RE – World Religion – Christianity (Year 4)

Learning Objective:

To understand what Christians believe about forgiveness and how Jesus' life and actions teach them to forgive others.

Questions we have previously explored:

- What does it mean to forgive someone?
- Why do people sometimes find forgiveness difficult?
- How do different people show kindness or love after someone has done wrong?

Our new key question:

- Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?

Key Facts:

Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God and came to save people from their sins.

They believe Jesus' death and resurrection repaired the relationship between God and humanity — this is called salvation. Jesus forgave many people during his life and taught others to forgive.

Christians say the Lord's Prayer, which includes "forgive us... as we forgive others."

Jesus is usually shown as kind and loving, but the story of him clearing the Temple shows that forgiveness doesn't always mean staying silent.

Key Vocabulary:

Incarnation – God becoming human in the form of Jesus.

Gospel – The first four books of the New Testament about Jesus' life and teachings.

Disciples – Jesus' closest followers.

Lamb of God – A name for Jesus because he sacrificed himself for others.

How this connects to our learning:

Links to our learning about Easter and Jesus' death and resurrection.

Connects to the idea of agape (selfless love).

Builds on earlier work about kindness, peace, and making good choices.

Questions to think about:

Is it always easy to forgive someone?

Are some things harder to forgive than others?

Why might Christians think forgiveness is important, even when it's difficult?

What might I need forgiveness for?