

Year 4 Flamingos

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Spring 2



Is forgiveness always possible?

What Is Forgiveness?

Forgiveness (noun) is the action of forgiving or being forgiven. To forgive (verb) is to stop feeling angry or resentful towards someone for an offence, flaw or mistake. Forgiving means to change the way you feel about something that has happened or been done to you.

What do Christians believe?

Easter is the celebration of Jesus conquering death when he was resurrected from the dead. Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross to forgive them of their sins. Easter is also connected with the celebration of spring and bringing new life.



Parables About Forgiveness

When Jesus was teaching, he told Parables to help people understand the message he was giving. Jesus told many parables about forgiveness. For example, the parable of the prodigal son. In this parable, a farmer had two sons; one worked hard on the farm with his father and the other son asked for his inheritance early and went and spent it all and came back penniless. When he returned his father welcomed him back and forgave him, while the older son found it hard to forgive his brother.

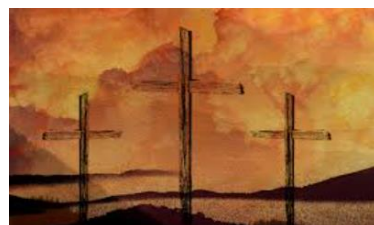


Key Vocabulary	Definition
betray	Giving information to an enemy.
Bible	The holy book Christians read and follow.
crucifixion	Death on a cross.
denial	When someone claims they didn't do anything or know something.
disciple	People who were friends of Jesus and were taught by him before he died.
Easter	The celebration of Jesus conquering death when he was resurrected from the dead.
forgiveness	The act of choosing to forgive someone when they have done something to you.
Judas	The disciple of Jesus who betrayed him for a sum of money.
Last Supper	The meal eaten by Jesus with his disciples on the night before his Crucifixion.
parable	A story Jesus told to help people understand the message he was giving.
Peter	Jesus favourite disciple who denied knowing Jesus after he was arrested.
salvation	A synonym for rescue.

Who Did Jesus Forgive?

Jesus friends, his disciples were with him before he was crucified. One betrayed him to the Romans by identifying him so he could be arrested and the other denied knowing Jesus to save himself from ridicule and even arrest. Jesus forgave both these friends before he died on the cross.

Before Jesus died, he forgave the Roman Soldiers who had crucified him by saying these words: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." This is Jesus showing full forgiveness, at the most difficult of times.



World Views

Religious, spiritual and world leaders teach about the importance of forgiveness. The Prophet Muhammad said, "You do not do evil to those who do evil to you, but you deal with them with forgiveness and kindness". Archbishop Desmond Tutu taught about the importance of forgiveness for a peaceful world. He taught that forgiving is not forgetting, but remembering in order to learn from your mistakes.

