

Year 6: Eagles

Religious Education

Autumn 1

Love and Forgiveness

(A multifaith study)

Key Vocabulary	Definition
agape	An unconditional, unwavering love.
Al-Ghaffur	This is one of Allah's names and it means The Forgiving.
atonement	Making things right after doing something wrong by showing remorse, asking for forgiveness and trying to repair the harm caused.
apology	When someone says they are sorry and shows remorse for something they have done wrong.
forgiveness	A decision to let go of the desire for revenge when you have been wronged it is the act of good will.
neighbour	This can mean the people who live near you, but can also just mean other people around you.
parable	A short story with a deeper meaning that teaches a moral or religious lesson. In Christianity, it is the teachings of Jesus.
peace	The absence of conflict, anger or hurt, many religions teach that forgiveness is key to finding peace.
philia	A love felt towards close friends.
reconciliation	Reconciliation is the act of getting two things to be compatible with one another. You might have a reconciliation with a former friend.
redeem	To try to make up for a mistake or wrongdoing. A teacher might say, 'you have redeemed yourself' if a child has behaved well after an incident of bad behaviour.
redemption	Redemption – an act of being saved or saving yourself from a mistake.
tolerance	The ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with.
Yom Kippur	A Jewish festival which is about atonement.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is a special day for many Jewish people and is marked by prayer, reflection and asking for forgiveness. It is a day of atonement.



Many adults fast (do not eat or drink) from sunset to sunset as a sign of repentance.

Key message: Yom Kippur is a time to seek forgiveness, make amends and start the new year with a clean heart.

Redemption

In Hinduism there is a focus on moksha which is the freedom from the cycle of life and death through spiritual effort.

Buddhists believe that all people have the potential for enlightenment; redemption comes from realising this truth and letting go of suffering.

Many Christians believe that because Jesus gave his life for others, they should also try to live with kindness, love, and forgiveness.

In Judaism, redemption often means God saving the Jewish people from danger. Linked to the story of the Exodus and celebrated at Passover.

Muslims believe redemption comes through sincere faith, repentance, and good deeds. Many Muslims believe each person is responsible for their own actions; forgiveness comes from Allah's mercy.

The Good Samaritan

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to teach people about love, kindness and forgiveness. A man was attacked by robbers and left hurt on the side of the road. Two people who might have been expected to help walked past, but a Samaritan stopped and cared for him. He treated the man's injuries and paid for him to stay somewhere safe. Through this story, Jesus taught that we should love and help others, no matter who they are, and show compassion to everyone in need.

Key message: Love your neighbour as yourself. (Luke 10:27)

