



Religious Education Year 4 Spring 2	Enquiry Question: Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?	Religion: Christianity
In this enquiry, we will investigate how Jesus' life, death and resurrection impact on a Christian's understanding of forgiveness.		

What we will learn:	Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In The Bible, Jesus taught his disciples about forgiveness. There are stories that show Jesus led by example and showed forgiveness through his words and actions.• There are stories of forgiveness in the New Testament.• At the 'Last Supper' Jesus explained to his disciples that he was going to be sacrificed to forgive others.• Christians try to follow the teachings of Jesus and forgive others, even when they haven't apologised.• Christians also try to follow the teachings of Jesus and ask for forgiveness for themselves. Christians believe that they can ask God to forgive them through prayer.• Christians believe that Jesus' death on the cross was a sacrifice to bring them salvation. That God sent Jesus to save people from their sin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus as the Son of God has the power to forgive sins.• Jesus' death and resurrection which is celebrated by Christians at Easter.• Christians believe that Jesus choosing to go to his death is sacrifice for all wrongdoing in the world and they are therefore also forgiven of any sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do I feel about forgiving people? Is it something I find easy to do or do I find it difficult?• Is it easier to forgive some actions than others? Do I think some people deserve forgiveness and some don't?

Keywords and definitions

Communion: The sharing of specially blessed bread and wine, which to Christians represents the body and blood of Jesus.



A depiction of Jesus on the cross.



Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of 'The Last Supper'



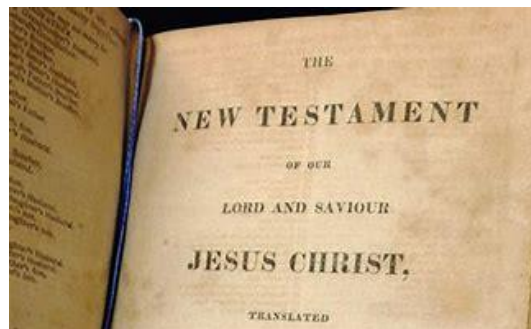
Impact on believer/daily life

- Jesus taught the disciples 'The Lord's Prayer' which speaks about forgiveness.
- Christians believe they should follow God's example. If he forgives them then they should forgive others.

Incarnation: God became a human in the person Jesus.



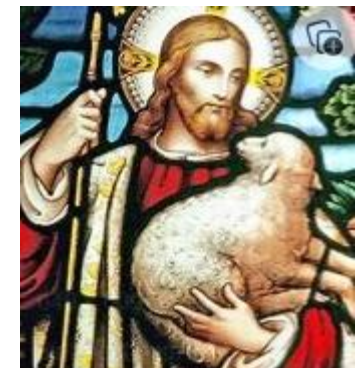
Gospel: The first 4 books of the New Testament about Jesus' life, ministry and death, and the early Church.



Disciples: Jesus' special friends.



Lamb of God: A name given to Jesus because he sacrificed himself, the same way animals were sacrificed at the time.



Home learning ideas/questions: What do we think about forgiveness? Is it something we try to do at home? Is it easy or difficult? Does loving somebody make it easier or more difficult to forgive them if they hurt us?