# Title: Other Religious Views on Forgiveness

**Key Questions:** Have we ever been impressed by an example of forgiveness?

How do the followers of T\* seek and offer forgiveness?

Why can it be a good thing if I forgive others?

Is forgiveness always possible? Can I forgive on behalf of others?

**Key Concepts:** Forgiveness, reconciliation, hope, freedom, compassion, bitterness.

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| LO: to investigate a range of religious views on forgiveness and consider how these might be put into practice. | What do Christians believe about forgiveness?  What do Jain’s believe about forgiveness?  Do you think forgiveness is a good idea?  Look at quotes from different world religions about forgiveness. Highlight any tier 2 and 3 language.  In pairs discuss your understanding of the words in the quote and ask if you do not understand any.  Write what each quote means in your own words.  Students then complete one of the following activities that must include the religious teachings:  1) Produce a poster which could be put up in school to encourage others to be forgiving.  2) Imagine you have been asked to do to an assembly on forgiveness - write a script for this.  3) Write a letter to a friend who is finding it hard to forgive someone.  4) Do a play showing the power of forgiveness.  Feedback. | Quotes:  Hinduism  "It is said that the beauty of a saintly person is forgiveness".  Judaism  "He who takes revenge or bears a grudge acts like someone who, having cut one hand when handling a knife, evens things up by stabbing the other hand."  Buddhists try to recognise negative emotions (such as being angry with someone) and let them go. Hanging on to them has a harmful effect on everyone and leads to more pain and upset.  Islam  "The best deed of a great man is to forgive and forget".  Sikhism  "If someone hits you - do not hit him back. Go home after kissing his feet." |