# Title: Peace and Conflict – War in Islam

**Key Questions:** Have we ever been forgiven for something we did wrong? How do followers of T\* seek and offer forgiveness? How can forgiving others benefit us? Should I forgive everything? Have we ever been impressed by an example of forgiveness? Is forgiveness always possible? Can I forgive on behalf of others? Why can it be a good thing if I forgive others?

**Key Concepts:** Jihad: the meaning and significance of greater and lesser; origins, influence and conditions for declaration of lesser Jihad.

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| To understand the meaning of the word Islam.  To examine some of the misconceptions about war/violence within Islam.  Reflect and think about the inner struggles Muslims might face. | Starter  War- What is it good for?  Students to write as many different reasons as they can think of.  2. Think, Wonder and See  Think- students to think about what the image is about or demonstrates.  See- students to list all that they can see  Wonder- students to write all the things that this image makes them wonder, this can be a list of questions.  Students need to read information on War in Islam.  1) What is the word Jihad commonly used to describe?  2) How many forms of Jihads are there?  3) Explain both of these forms.  4) According to these understandings, when should fighting only be used for?  5) What things should be protected, if fighting was to take place?  6) What are the rules of warfare?    Class discussion  Which Jihad, lesser or greater, poses the toughest challenge for Muslims today and why?  Guidance from the Qur’an  *‘Paradise is for those who curb their anger and forgive their fellow men.’*  (Quran 3:134)  1) Explain what you think this means.  2) What do you think it suggests Muslims should do and why?  3) How might this affect a Muslim in his or her daily life?  Peace and Reconciliation- Prophet Mohammad *ﷺ*  Students to research examples to demonstrate why/how the Prophet was a good example of caring for others who were enemies. Example of him taking care of an elderly women who repeatedly brushed dirt at him.      Plenary  Is Jihad misunderstood today?  Do you agree or disagree. Write a short paragraph explaining your answer, include religious evidence or examples. | These images can be obtained from google image search.  Information can be obtained from  <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/war/islamrev2.shtml>  Quotes can be found in the Qur’an The compassion of the Prophet towards those who abused him Information on this can be obtained from:  <http://www.islamicity.org/8645/the-compassion-of-the-prophet-towards-those-whoabused-him/> |