# Title: Peace and Conflict – Forgiveness

**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:** Working for reconciliation

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| To examine the importance of forgiveness in resolving conflict. To understand what some religious traditions teach about forgiveness. To reflect and think why this might pose a challenge to some people.  | Starter Mind map the concept of forgiveness. Focus on reasons for forgiving someone and the impact it has on society. Discuss in pairs- what happens if someone apologises but the apology is not accepted? How does this link to reconciliation?Add these notes to your mind map(branch off) Draw a diagram/illustration to explain how forgiveness and reconciliation work. Students work should show that forgiveness and reconciliation is really a two way process. Forgiveness in Christianity‘Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.’  (Matthew 6:12)1) What do you think this quote teaches us about the Christian idea of forgiveness? 2) How does it suggest that forgiveness is a two way thing? Islam and Forgiveness‘Paradise (is for those) who curb their anger and forgive their fellow men)  (Quran 3:134) 1) How does this quote stress that forgiveness is a fundamental concept within Islam? 2) How might this quote affect the life of a Muslim? What things might they do as a result of following this? Explain from two different religious traditions teachings about forgiveness. You need to use religious evidence or examples to support what you say. Plenary - ‘Forgiveness is for the weak minded.’ Give reasons why a religious believer might agree or disagree with this statement. Use PEEL to help you complete this.  | Information can be obtained from a variety of different websites. GCSE Bitesize Court Cam: Victim's Father Forgives Defendant in Emotional Court Sentencing<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wifYHbVl9c>Point Evidence Explain Link  |