# 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 |