# **Disposition: Being Merciful and Forgiving**

## **Lesson:** One

### Question/LO: Have I ever made a mistake? What is forgiveness? What is mercy?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning from experience  Explore and define the concepts of mercy and forgiveness. | Use a mind map to explore things people can do wrong in the community or at school. In small groups discuss the range of punishments people might expect (e.g. sent to Head Teacher or miss break for being cheeky or being sent to prison for stealing a car). Encourage pupils to recognise that the consequences of their behaviour may be wider than the ‘technical’ punishment e.g. being talked about negativity by peers or being ignored.    Using picture scenarios, explore the meanings of, and differences between, mercy and forgiveness.  Forgiveness is when the wrong things people do are held against them in a way that spoils the relationship. It means letting go of anger and bitterness. Mercy is when someone is not given the deserved punishment.  Pupils act or discuss different scenarios that display mercy and forgiveness. | Stories of when someone has done something wrong |