# **Disposition: Being Merciful and Forgiving**

## **Lesson:** Two

### Question/LO: What do Christians teach about love? What do Christians learn from a Bible story about forgiveness and showing mercy?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | Read parable of The Prodigal Son Luke 15: 11-32 from The Lion First Bible – Lost and Found pages 386-391. Discuss the father’s forgiveness in the story despite the son not deserving it. I wonder why Jesus told this story to people? What happened between the son and his father?  Was the father angry with his son? What happened when the son and father met each other again? How did the father show that he loved his son?  Look at some of the artwork that show the reunion:  (see separate list for suggestions)  Select 3 that will be suitable for the class.  Which image do pupils think best captures mercy and forgiveness?  Can pupils create their own image (either, through dramatic tableau or artwork)?  How does it feel to be forgiven? Why is this story important to Christians? | A - The Lion First Bible  ISBN 0 7459 3849 3    Bible reference:  Luke 15: 11-32  B – “The Big Spender” or The Lion Storyteller Bible.  C – The Loving Father and the son who came home from Children of God story book Bible    Letter writing materials  The Return of the prodigal Son – Rembrandt |
| Learning from faith and non-religious world-views | Question: How do I show love through forgiving others?  How do other people show love by forgiving me?  What would’ve happened in the story if the father had not forgiven the son?  Think about the consequences for the different characters. |  |