# **Disposition: Being Merciful and Forgiving**

## **Lesson:** Three

### Question/LO: What do Christians teach about God’s love?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | Quiz to recap previous lesson on “The Prodigal Son”.    Watch the video It tells the parable of The Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18: 21-35). Discuss the difference between the king who forgave the servant and cancelled his debt and the servant who was not merciful and forced another servant to go to prison until he could payback what he owed. In this story Jesus is critical of unmerciful servant. What did Jesus think the man should have done?  Why did Jesus think that?  Christians believe that God forgave all the bad and sad things to people do when Jesus died, on the day known as ‘Good Friday’. Christians believe that like the king in the story, God is merciful and forgives people, so that they can be friends with each other again.  Christians think about the stories from this lesson and the previous one, when someone has done something wrong to them | The Lion First Bible  ISBN 0 7459 3849 3  Bible reference:  Matthew 18: 21-35  A video ‘The Unforgiving Servant’ will have downloaded with this lesson plan.  KS1\_Y2\_Unit\_08\_Sp\_Wk\_03\_of\_03  \_R123\_Video\_Parable\_Merciful\_  Servant\_Puppet\_Show\_v1 |
| Learning to discern | I wonder if hearing and thinking about these stories makes it easier for Christians to forgive people who upset them?  Question:  Who thinks forgiving people is easy? YES  Who thinks forgiving people is hard? NO  Have one side of the room for YES and the other for NO.  Pupils are invited to the side of the room that fits their answers. Ask a few pupils to explain why they have made their choice.  Remind them of the two stories about forgiveness, would these help Christians to forgive? Do any of the pupils want to move to the other side of the room? If so, why? If not, why not?  Once pupils are seated again ask pupils to think about when people find it hard to forgive someone.  Recognise together that some things can be very hard to forgive. |  |