

## Ethos Group Class Worship Script: *Forgiveness*

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***Is the prayer area clean and tidy?***  
***Is there a candle?***  
***Is there a Bible?***  
***Is there a cross?***  
***Is the Christian value for this half term on display?***

Welcome

The candle is lit. God is here. Please join us as we chant candle time.

Our Christian Value this half term is forgiveness. This means making the choice to give up feelings of anger or hurt towards someone for something they have done.

Here are some pictures that show forgiveness. Look closely. Think carefully. Is there anything you need to say sorry for? ***Show slideshow of images on ppt. Ask for examples from children and teachers. Write them on the whiteboard.***

There are two types of forgiveness that appear in the Bible:

The first is God's forgiveness of 'our' sins. We believe that when Jesus died on the cross, He took the sins of the world, so all would be forgiven, not because we deserved it, but because God loves us.

The second type is our duty to forgive others. We should forgive others because we have been forgiven by God.

Engage

In a moment we will show you a video all about Jesus' close friend and disciple Peter. This story shows the two types of forgiveness and the power forgiveness has to change lives.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ppb9bKXlr7k>

Jesus forgave Peter. He gave him a second chance. Peter knew that he was forgiven, and that he had a special and important job to do – to take care of God's people.

The same is true for us! We have been forgiven by God. Nothing we can do will ever stop Him from loving us. Our job is to love Him in return and to serve Him by taking care of His people.

Here is a song about forgiveness. Try and join in with the words and actions.

***Play You Forgive Me, Discipleland*** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCTgra\\_tIKQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCTgra_tIKQ)

## Respond

Join in as we ask for God's forgiveness.

**Make a fist:** We are sorry for the times we have got angry with other people.

**Point away from yourself with your index finger:** We are sorry for the times we have blamed others and seen things wrong in others without recognising how much is also wrong in us.

**Close up your hand and hold it close to your chest:** We are sorry for the times we have kept things selfishly to ourselves and not been prepared to give to those who need our help.

**Put your hand over your mouth:** We are sorry for the foolish words we have spoken which have hurt other people.

**Put your hand over your eyes:** We are sorry that we have deliberately chosen not to see the good things we could have done to help other people.

**Put your hand over one ear:** We are sorry for the times we have not listened to the cries of those who are poor or who suffer injustice.

Abeer will now lead us in prayer. **Show video of Abeer.**

"So say, "Our Lord! Grant us forgiveness and mercy! For You are the Best of those who show mercy." Quran 23:118

Dear God,

We are sorry for doing wrong things. Please forgive us. Help us to forgive those who are unkind to us. Amen.

Join in as we say the words that Jesus taught us... Our Father...

## Send

Think back to the start of our worship and the things that we needed to say sorry for. Jesus says, 'If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest'. So we bring all that we are to Jesus – all our sins and our failure to love. Thank-you that you died for us so that we might be forgiven and start a new life in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Your sins are forgiven. **Wipe away the words from the whiteboard.** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

