

Thursday 2nd April

Task 2

Think: what do you think forgiveness is and what situations do you think forgiveness is needed? Do you think forgiveness sometimes isn't needed? Why?

Watch the parable of the unforgiving servant (Matthew 18:21–35)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ED3fzkS-bhA>

Look at the scenario cards below.

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| <p>A. Sharon borrowed her friend Daisy's new i-Pod for the afternoon, with permission of course, but her little brother, running round, trod on it. The i-Pod still works, but it has a big scratch on the front. 'I'm really sorry, Daisy' says Sharon 'it was an accident'. I half killed David. Please can you forgive me?' Daisy looked at the long scratch on the i-Pod. It had been all shiny before...</p> <p>What should Daisy say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> | <p>B. Harun wanted to have his birthday at Alton Towers and his dad promised they would go and take three friends. But that was before Dad lost his job. Two weeks before the birthday, Dad sat Harun down and said, 'I'm really sorry, son, but we just can't manage Alton Towers this year. How about the cinema and a pizza supper? Maybe next time, if things go well...</p> <p>What should Harun say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> | <p>C. They had promised one of them would meet her, but mum was really late, and dad was even later. Chantelle stood outside the club for about 25 minutes, wondering if they were dead, or gone on holiday without her. Then both of them arrived from opposite ends of the street at the same time, calling out to her: 'Sorry I'm late, darling, are you OK?'</p> <p>What should Chantelle say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> |
| <p>D. Danny's mum and dad split up two months ago, because, as mum said, 'Your dad has done some very bad things with a girlfriend, and he's told me too many lies.' Danny and the baby were living with mum, and she was crying a lot. Danny felt like it was all his fault; he hadn't helped out enough. They only saw dad once a week. Then dad said to Danny 'I'm so sorry for all the things I've done that have hurt you.'</p> <p>What should Danny say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> | <p>E. Lois wanted to win the 200m race a bit too much. As they were getting ready to start, she looked across at Sharmila, the fastest in the school. She spoke quietly, but in the voice of a bully to the tall girl: 'I'll kick you in if you win today.' The gun went off and Sharmila was quicker. But in the last quarter of the race she slowed up, looking tired. Lois won by 3 metres. 'Hah, loser' she said to Sharmila.</p> <p>What should Sharmila say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> | <p>F. Gran came to stay most weekends. Callum was living with his dad, six months after his parents split up. Callum didn't understand it. One Sunday Gran sat him down and told him all about his dad, and gave him some reasons why it had all gone wrong. Callum was very tense, but he wanted to hear. After a bit, Gran said 'I do hope you'll be able to forgive your parents, love...'</p> <p>What should Callum say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> |
| <p>G. The soldiers were only obeying orders when they took the young man and killed him by crucifixion. The crowd gasped as the nails were hammered into his wrists. Then the cross was lifted up, and dropped into a hole in the ground. Jesus had always preached that people should be forgiving, no matter what. As he hung there, the crowd waited to see if he would curse the soldiers, as most victims of crucifixion did...</p> <p>What should Jesus say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> | <p>H. Joe and Jon were twins. Always someone to play with – or to fight with. At Easter, they both had big eggs from their mum. Joe's was finished by Monday, but Jon saved his. But when he did open it, he found someone else had got there first. All the lower part, invisible from outside the box, had been eaten. He knew who he thought it was, and when he got Joe in a headlock, he asked him: 'did you eat my egg?' Joe grinned, and wriggled. 'What if I did? It was very nice' he said.</p> <p>What should Jon say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> | <p>I. Wayne and Stephen always enjoyed being rivals: Wayne was the best defender, and Stephen the best striker in school. They liked trying to beat each other. But this particular match, as Stephen jumped for a header to score a winner, Wayne was a bit late. Stephen smashed his head and was knocked out for 10- seconds. When he came round, worried faces looked down on him. Wayne's was the most worried: 'I'm really sorry' he yelled...</p> <p>What should Stephen say next? Difficulty of forgiving: [? /10]</p> |

1. Give each scenario a rating for the difficulty of forgiving out of 10.
2. Choose four of the scenarios to give some advice about what the person should do next. Give reasons to justify the advice you give.