

Dear Teacher,

These worksheets are designed to help you to follow up the GenR8 presentation, 'Forgiving isn't easy', by suggesting activities linked to the different items. Perhaps you could photocopy the sheets once for each member of staff, who could then decide on what was most appropriate for their group of children.

Some activities are more appropriate for younger and some for older children, although some special needs children enjoy a 'younger' focus.

Many of the ideas are very practical, and could link in with your RE or Collective Worship as we run up to the end of the Summer Term.

Just as the questions in the excellent new RE Agreed Syllabus for Cambridgeshire provoke a reflective response, so the questions in the material here will particularly support AT2.

Any feedback is always very helpful and much appreciated.

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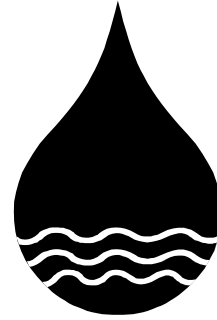
Reflect upon forgiveness with GenR8

1. A watery encounter...

Joke: What so you call an underwater spy?

Answer: James Pond

Not-a-joke: I wonder why we find it difficult to forgive other people? Do you think grown ups find it hard too?



2. Be a friend challenge

Have you ever made something special for your friend, perhaps to help you to say sorry? Here are the instructions for making a picture in a frame. You may need help on measuring from a grown up, depending on your age and the length of a lolly stick!

Materials:

A picture taken from a magazine or comic or the web

Scissors

Paint and decorative materials like beads or sequins

Glue

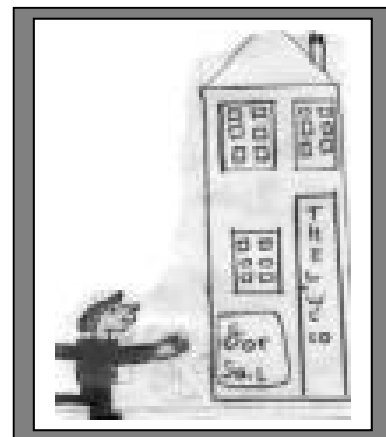
Cardboard from the side of a cereal packet

Lolly sticks

Pencil and ruler

Method:

- i. Choose a picture of something that your friend likes in a comic or magazine that you are allowed to cut up, or download an image from the internet (with permission). Cut out your picture carefully.
- ii. Place the cardboard shiny side down, and glue the picture on to it, using very little glue.
- iii. When the picture is dry, use your pencil and ruler to draw a line around the picture by placing one side of the ruler along the picture and drawing along the other side of the ruler, saving a strip for your bookmark (later).
- iv. Cut carefully along the lines and put the spare card in the recycling box.
- v. Plan how many lolly sticks to use by laying them along the edges of the picture side by side. A small square picture will take 8 lolly sticks but a larger rectangle will take 12.
- vi. Decorate the sticks with paint mixed with a little pva glue (ok this with a grown up first!) and then stick on any decorations. No more glue is needed.
- vii. If you want to hang the picture, attach a wool loop to the back near the top; if you want to put it on the fridge, glue on a magnetic strip.



- viii. When the picture is dry, give it to your friend.
 P.S. Don't forget to say sorry if you need to do so!

3. Word search

The frame below contains 20 words that are something to do with forgiveness. Once you have found them, talk about the ones that you think might be important. Which are your top 3?

c	h	i	l	f	l	o	v	e	f	e
r	h	a	s	o	r	r	y	a	e	t
y	c	h	p	r	a	y	a	r	i	f
s	a	l	i	g	e	j	o	y	r	o
l	e	e	f	i	t	t	e	i	g	e
h	t	a	f	v	s	f	e	n	t	c
u	n	r	e	e	a	n	i	o	l	n
r	a	n	r	n	d	e	n	g	i	e
t	n	e	p	e	r	s	l	i	n	l
G	o	d	e	s	t	e	s	v	n	i
p	r	i	o	s	a	d	n	e	s	s

CROSS OFF THE WORDS AS YOU FIND THEM ...

repent	learn
sadness	teach
forgiveness	give
restore	feel
sorry	silence
hurt	cry
joy	friend
help	love
grief	gift
pray	God

Why might Christians use ...



4. Cool figure

Are you cool enough to turn HATE into LOVE? Try changing only ONE letter each time and make the transformation in 6 moves! Answer at the end...

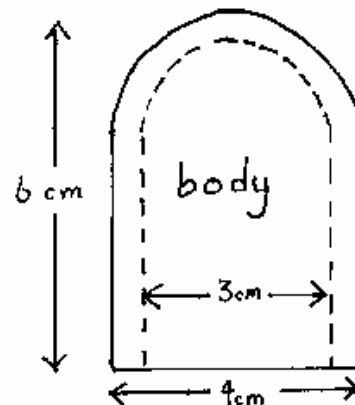
HATE

- ~ not on
- ~ can't
- ~ green &
- ~

LOVE

5. Puppet sketch

The puppets are having trouble with forgiveness here. You can make your own finger puppets and tell the story, or make up a 'forgiveness' story of your own. For the puppets you can add a head by drawing round a cotton reel, or use this outline as the whole puppet. If you prefer, you can stick the puppets on to lolly sticks.



6. A BIG calculation!

If you recall one of the GenR8 team said that in the Bible Jesus tells his friends to forgive 70 x 7 times. That means a lot of forgiving! Here is another big calculation for you to try. Use the numbers 1, 2, 4, 10, 50 (once only and in any order)

Use the signs + - x (in any order)

Your target number is 490

YOU MUST SHOW HOW YOU ARRIVED AT YOUR ANSWER!

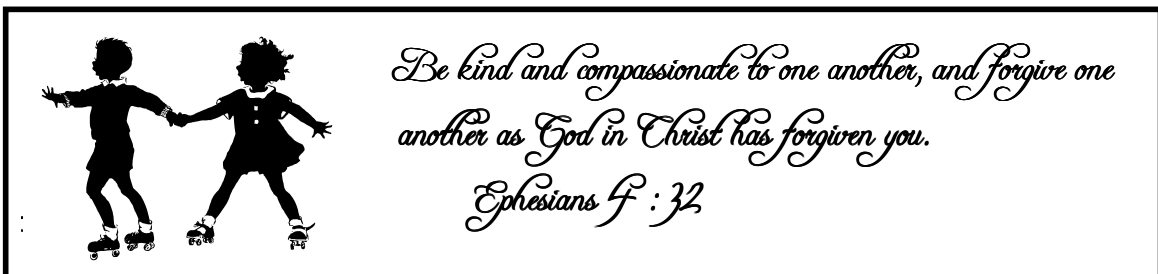
(Our answer is at the end of the sheet.)

7. The unforgiving servant

This story is found in the Bible in Matthew Chapter 18, verses 21-35. The Gospel of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament. On the following page is a cube net so that you can re-tell the story.

8. Memory verse

You could decorate and use this bookmark to remember the verse that the GenR8 team shared with you today.



Here is a picture cube to help you to remember the story. Perhaps you could colour the pictures and cut out the cube. Does the shape remind you of anything?

And whose heart, do Christians believe, is at the heart of forgiveness?

