



Collective Worship

Week Commencing: Monday 26th January

Core Value: Forgiveness

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Courage in every step, Faith in every journey.

Opening Reflection

Let us pause, breathe, and take a moment to reflect.

Loving God,

I come to You with a heart that still holds hurt.
Teach me to **forgive** as You **forgive**—freely, patiently,
and without keeping score.
Release me from the weight of resentment, give me
grace to let go and courage to heal,
Give me peace to move forward in love.

Amen.

This Week's Theme: Forgiveness

Forgiveness as a core value is the commitment to release resentment and the desire for revenge, even when one has been genuinely hurt. It does **not** mean excusing wrongdoing, forgetting harm, or removing accountability. Instead, it means choosing freedom over bitterness and healing over hostility.



Life gives us challenges.
Forgiveness helps us to live free

What is happening in this image



This Week's Challenge



- Make a choice to **forgive** someone this week
- Commit to understanding that **forgiveness** is a process and doesn't always happen immediately
- Reflect at the end on what changed

What aspect of forgiveness have you chosen to work on for the week?

A Story of Forgiveness: Luke 15v11-32

A man had two sons. The younger son asked his father for his share of the inheritance—essentially wishing to live independently, without his father's guidance. The father agreed and gave him his share. The younger son left home and wasted all his money on reckless living. When a famine struck, he became desperate and took a job feeding pigs, a humiliating task in that culture. Hungry and broken, he realized how far he had fallen. He decided to return home, not expecting forgiveness, but hoping to be treated as a servant. While he was still far away, his father saw him and ran to meet him. Instead of scolding or punishing him, the father embraced him, clothed him in fine garments, placed a ring on his finger, and ordered a celebration. “For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” The older son, who had stayed and worked faithfully, became angry and refused to join the celebration. The father gently reminded him that everything he had was already his—but forgiveness and joy were necessary when someone who was lost had returned.

A Story of Forgiveness



Admitting When We're Wrong

It's hard to say "I messed up," but the story challenges us to be honest about our mistakes.

Asking for Forgiveness

Pride and fear can stop us from apologizing. The story challenges us to take the first step and make things right.

Believing We Can Be Forgiven

Sometimes we feel too guilty to accept forgiveness. The story reminds us that forgiveness is real and available.

Forgiving Others

It's not easy to forgive people who hurt us, especially when they don't seem to deserve it. This story challenges us to forgive anyway.

Having the Right Attitude

Doing the right thing matters, but so does our attitude. The story challenges us to choose kindness over bitterness. Showing Love and Grace



Reflection Questions

- **Why do you think forgiving someone can be hard?**
- **Is there a difference between forgiving someone and forgetting what they did? Why?**
- **How do you usually feel after you forgive someone—or after you don't?**
- **Have you ever been forgiven when you didn't feel you deserved it? How did that affect you?**
- **Is there someone you need to forgive right now? What makes it difficult?**
- **Is there a situation where you need to ask for forgiveness? What's holding you back?**
- **How can holding on to anger or resentment affect your life?**
- **What does forgiveness mean to you?**
- **How can you practice forgiveness in your daily life (at school, online, or at home)**

Story of Forgiveness: Corrie Ten Boom



Corrie ten Boom and Forgiveness

Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch Christian who, along with her family, **hid Jews from the Nazis** during World War II. Because of this, she and her family were arrested and sent to a **concentration camp**. Her father and sister died there, and Corrie endured harsh conditions.

After the war, Corrie travelled the world sharing her story and teaching about **God's forgiveness**. One of the most remarkable moments of her life came years later: she was speaking at a church and a man from her audience approached her. He had **been a guard in the camp** where Corrie had been imprisoned. Corrie felt a surge of anger and fear, but then she remembered what her faith taught her.

She **chose to forgive him**, even though what he had done was unimaginable. She described how she prayed and felt a real sense of peace, saying that **forgiveness freed her heart** from bitterness and hate.

Story of Forgiveness: Corrie Ten Boom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7nYultcsC4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fz9xgsDyB88>



These videos show how Corrie Ten Boom hid Jews away so that the nazis would not find them. It also shows the forgiveness Corrie showed to a concentration camp guard.

Story of Forgiveness: Corrie Ten Boom

Reflection Prompts

How did you feel when you heard about Corrie **forgiving** a former concentration camp guard?

What emotions do you think Corrie struggled with before she **forgave** him?

Corrie said **forgiveness** brought her freedom. What do you think she meant by that?

How does Corrie's story challenge the way you think about **forgiveness**?

What small step could you take toward **forgiveness**—even if you're not ready to fully **forgive** yet?

Scripture Soundbite

Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”



What does “**forgiving each other**” look like in everyday school life?

Think about moments when **forgiveness** is needed — how can you apply this to your learning, friendships, and future life?

The verse mentions “**Be kind and compassionate**”. Consider how to practice this in your life

Who helps you to **forgive**, and how can you support others in being kind and compassionate?

What This Means for Us



- **Forgiveness** can break cycles of hatred and revenge
- **Forgiveness** does not erase injustice, but it opens the door to healing
- Choosing **forgiveness** can bring freedom—not just to others, but to ourselves

Romans 8:38-39

New Living Translation

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,



Teach us how to **forgive**, even when it is hard. Help us to let go of anger, hurt, and resentment that weigh us down.

When we are hurt by others, remind us that we are never alone.

Give us the strength to forgive as You **forgive** us—freely and completely. Help us to heal, to grow, and to become people who live free.

Amen