




Knowledge organiser: Year 8- 'How do we live out reconciliation?'

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| Topics |    |
| What is forgiveness? | |
| Are there limits to forgiveness? | |
| The prodigal Son | |
| The parable of the unforgiving servant | |
| The woman caught in adultery | |
| Sin | |
| Conscience | |
| Sacrament of reconciliation | |

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| Key words | <p>Absolution: A declaration by a priest during the Sacrament of Reconciliation that a person's sins have been forgiven.</p> <p>Confession: To speak your sins out loud to a priest in order to receive absolution.</p> <p>Conscience: The name we give to human reason when it makes moral decisions to do what is right and to avoid what is evil.</p> <p>Contrition: Being sorry for one's sins.</p> <p>Penance: An action which demonstrates sorrow for sin</p> <p>Reconciliation: (1) The restoration of a relationship which has been damaged. (2) Sacrament of Reconciliation gives forgiveness of sins/ strength to resist temptation.</p> |
| Teacher assessed pieces of work | End of module assessment on Forgiveness and reconciliation. |
| Stretch and challenge | <p>https://www.theforgivenessproject.com/- Look up the forgiveness project and explore/consider the different case studies on forgiveness</p> <p>Explore these additional pieces of scripture and consider what we learn about the nature and importance of forgiveness to Christians. Scripture to include Jn 21:1-18, Mark 1:15, Psalm 51, Wisdom 12:1-19 and Jonah 4:9-11</p> |

| Limits to forgiveness | Jesus' teaching in the Gospels on forgiveness | Sin | Conscience | Sacrament of reconciliation |
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| <p>This section explores the concept of forgiveness , reflecting on the question: "What does forgiveness mean to me?" It identifies the limits of forgiveness and situations where forgiveness seems difficult or impossible. It considers contrasting reactions to forgiveness and the fact that people see and experience forgiveness in different ways.</p> | <p>This section looks at the scriptures in the New and Old Testaments, which offer an insight into forgiveness. For example, in Matthew's Gospel (Matt 18:22) Jesus is asked "How many times must I forgive?" and Jesus replies not seven but seventy seven times, emphasising that we must work our way towards reconciliation and not simply the Old Testament teaching of seven times. Peter is forgiven by Jesus and Jesus gives him a commission to 'feed my sheep' appointing Peter with the power to forgive sin.</p> | <p>We consider the big question, what is sin? We read the creation accounts in Genesis and consider the symbolic and narrative language that contains profound teachings about human existence, it's historical reality and the fact that life exists in three intertwined relationships; with God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself. We look at how 'sin' can be defined, for example, "Missing the mark". We explore how sin harms our relationship with God and community, as well as the person who sins. This is set against the eternal possibility of reconciliation through the Covenant of God's goodness.</p> | <p>We consider the big question, what is conscience? Exploring the meaning of conscience as well as the importance of informing one's conscience.</p> <p><i>"Deep within his conscience, man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil sounds in his heart at the right moment... for man has in his heart a law inscribed by God..." (CCC1776</i></p> <p>We consider which of the scriptures offers an insight into forgiveness, for example, 'The Prodigal Son', 'The Woman caught in Adultery' and 'The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.'</p> | <p>In considering what is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we explore the meaning and purpose of this Sacrament. – Identifying the meaning, purpose and significance of the three rites of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for us as individuals, for the community, and for the world. This is set against the eternal possibility of reconciliation through the Covenant of God's goodness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> |