

CODNOR'S CHRISTIAN VALUES



f o r g i v e n e s s

Talk about forgiveness

In school, children will be learning about our core Christian Value of **forgiveness** in collective worship and in our classrooms.

Here are some questions to explore that theme you could discuss at home:

- What does forgiveness look like?
- What does the saying 'I can forgive but I can't forget' mean?
- Have I ever asked for forgiveness?
- Have I ever had to forgive somebody?

Forgiveness

'If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive'

Mother Teresa



Research it together

Who said the following quote?

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong"

Read about forgiveness

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus.

As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!" Zacchaeus hopped down.

"You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin. But others grumbled, muttering to each other.

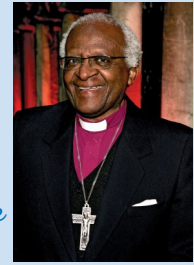
"Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house." Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right.

He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

Forgiveness Hall of Fame

Desmond Tutu Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities. There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive forgiveness. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin



Create it together

Tree design

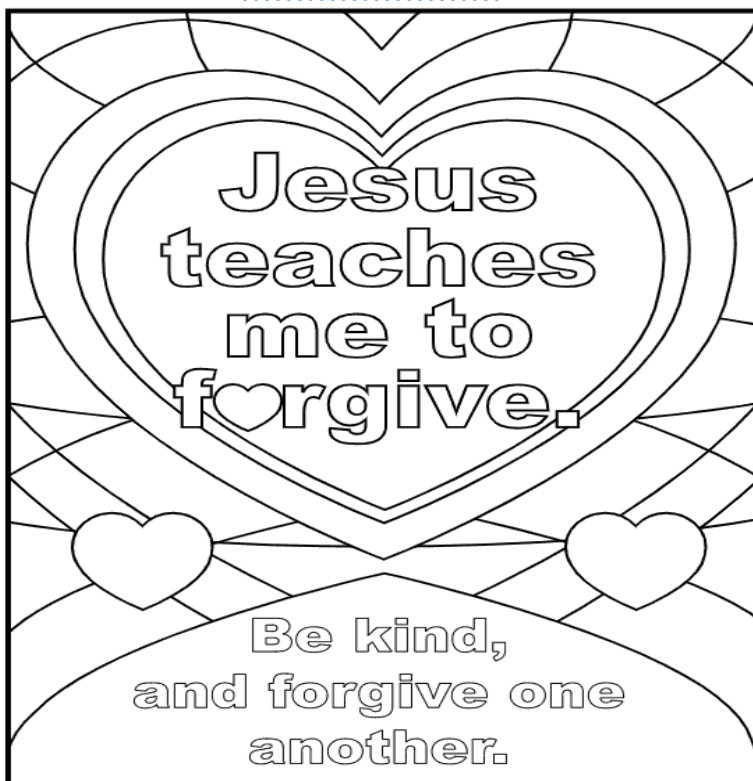
For your create it together project this half term, design your own version of the tree in the story of Zachaeus [found on the first page.]

You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it so it's 3d. It's up to you!

Once you have created it, pop it into school and show your teacher! We'll put the finished ones on display!



Colour me in:



Bible verses



Luke 6:37 – 'Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.'

Daniel 9:9 "The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him."

Jeremiah 31: 34 "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Luke 5: 20 "When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'"

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Pray together

Dear Lord above, so kind and true, We gather here to pray to You. For hearts that need to mend and heal, Your grace and love, we humbly feel.

Forgiveness, Lord, we seek today, To guide us on our blessed way. Help us let go of hurt and pain, In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Grant us strength to forgive, we ask, As You forgive in every task. Help us be like You, full of grace, In every step, in every place.

For wrongs we've done, we seek Your face, To find Your mercy, love, and grace. Teach us to turn from strife and hate, And follow You, make love our state.

With open hearts, we come to You, To learn the way of kindness, too. In every word and deed we show, Your forgiveness, Lord, may it grow.



Amen