Key Vocabulary and Definitions:

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| Incarnation:  | God becoming man or literally being “made flesh |
| Gospel:  | the first 4 books of the New Testament about Jesus’ life, ministry and death, and the early Church. |
| Disciples:  | Jesus’s special friends. |
| Lamb of God:  | A name given to Jesus because he sacrificed himself as animals were sacrificed at the time. |
| Bible | Christian pray book. |
| Jesus | The man who Christians believe is the son of God. |
| Christian | Relating to or professing Christianity or its teachings. |
| Forgiveness A person hugging a child  Description automatically generated | The action or process of forgiving or being forgiven. |
| Sacrifice | Give up (something valued) for the sake of other considerations. |
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What should I already know?

* Links to Year 2 Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?
* Be able to identify special people within their close and wider community.
* Be able to ask questions about the different religions they see within their community.

RE Skills:

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| * To talk about what sort of help I might need to show forgiveness.
* To describe what a Christian might learn about forgiveness from a Biblical text.
* To show an understanding of how Christians believe God can help them show forgiveness.
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Blooms Taxonomy – Specific Verbs to Use in Lesson Aims

Knowledge: Describe, find, identify, list, locate, name, recognise, retrieve Comprehension: Classify, compare, explain, infer, interpret, paraphrase, summarise Application: Carry out, implement, use Analysis: Deconstruct, Organise, outline, structure Synthesis: Construct, design, devise, invent, make, plan, produce, Evaluation: Appraise, assess, choose,

Teaching Sequence

1. To investigate the meaning of the word ‘forgiveness’.
2. To understand what a Christian might learn about forgiveness from a Biblical text. (3 sessions)
3. To understand how Christians believe God can help them show forgiveness.
4. To express their understanding of forgiveness.

Key Knowledge

Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God, who came to Earth in order to save humans from their sins. His death and resurrection opened up the way back to God and restored humanity’s relationship with him. This is the Christian concept of salvation.

This enquiry investigates how Jesus’ life, death and resurrection impacts on a Christian’s understanding of forgiveness. Bible references are given within the planning to enable the children to investigate a broad range of references to forgiveness within the Gospels (the books of the Bible which are said to have been written by 4 of Jesus’ special friends about his life).

The reference to Jesus overturning the traders’ tables in the Temple is a significant contrast. Children may think his actions were unforgiving. The Temple was meant to be a place of prayer and peace but instead of solemn dignity and the murmur of prayer, there is the bellowing of cattle and the bleating of sheep. These animals were being sold in order to be ritually sacrificed. A deeper meaning is that Jesus is driving the animals out because he is about to become the sacrifice on the cross, and animals will no longer be needed. In fact Jesus is also called “the Lamb of God” to demonstrate this. Many Christians will be aware of and may regularly say “The Lord’s Prayer”.

Jesus taught this to his disciples when some of them asked him how they should pray. Within this there is explicit reference to forgiveness, as the Christian asks God to forgive his or her wrongdoing as they forgive people who have wronged them, implying that God expects the Christian to practice forgiveness towards all others.

Optional Additional Texts which could be utilised: NIV UK Version: Last Supper: Luke 22: 7-23 Forgiveness: Matthew 6: 5-15 Enemies: Matthew 5: 43-48, Luke 6: 35 Anger: Ephesians: 4: 26 Leviticus 19 :18 (children should be aware this is in the OLD testament , hundreds of years before Jesus was alive yet it is the same message.) Good to compare the text to that in Matthew 22: 39 and Mark 12:33