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What I've done - Linkin Park

In this farewell
There's no blood
There's no alibi
Cause I've drawn regret
From the truth
Of a thousand lies

So let mercy come
And wash away

What I've done
I'll face myself

To cross out what I've become
Erase myself
And let go of what I've done

Put to rest
What you thought of me
While I clean this slate
With the hands
Of uncertainty

So let mercy come
And wash away

What I've done
I'll face myself

To cross out what I've become
Erase myself
And let go of what I've done

For what I've done

I'll start again
And whatever pain may come
Today this ends
I'm forgiving what I've done

I'll face myself
To cross out what I've become
Erase myself
And let go of what I've done

What I've done
Forgiving what I've done

Task 1 - Listen to
the song and
underline any words
that you think are
important when
thinking about
forgiveness

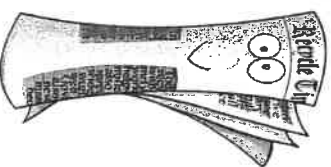
Task 2 -

What does Forgiveness means?

What does reconciliation mean?

Task 3

**Read through this newspaper article then
answer the questions at the end of the
article**



An Anglican vicar whose daughter died in a series of suicide bomber attacks on London's public transportation system last summer is resigning from her post because she cannot forgive the killers.

The Rev. Julie Nicholson is stepping down as priest-in-charge in the parish of St. Aidan with St. George in Bristol, England, to accept a lesser position in a community youth project. She says she found she was having difficulty preaching mercy.

Her 24-year-old daughter, Jenny, an accomplished musician, was one of the 52 men and women killed last July 7 when explosives carried by four Muslim suicide bombers ripped through three underground trains in what police said were coordinated attacks.

"I am hugely offended that someone should take my daughter in the name of a religion or of a god," Nicholson said in announcing her resignation during an interview on British Broadcasting Corp. television March 7, exactly eight months after the bombings.

"Can I forgive them for what they did? No, I cannot," she said. "And I don't wish to." To emphasize her point, she added, "I still say the name of my daughter's murderer, Mohammed Sidique Khan, every day."

Nicholson said she came to her decision to quit because "it is very difficult for me to stand behind an altar and celebrate the Eucharist and lead people in words of peace and reconciliation and forgiveness when I feel very far from that myself."

"I believe that there are some things in life which are unforgivable by the human spirit," she said. But "forgiving another human being for violating your child is almost beyond human capabilities."

Bishop of Bristol Mike Hill told BBC news that he understood her decision. "I think these situations in life shake the faith of everybody because they immediately bring into focus the 'why?' question," he said.

"There's no simple bandage answer to that," the bishop said.

Do you think you should always forgive?

Do you think the Vicar had made a good Christian decision? Why?

What do think her decisions was based upon?

What is your opinion? Give some reasons

Task 4

What do you think this picture represents?





How does this picture make you feel?

Task 5

Read through this information and fill in the boxes at the end

Christians believe that it is their duty to try to bring together families and friends who are in conflict (reconciliation) and that it is a Christian's duty to forgive those who attack them. They believe this because:

- Jesus died on the cross to bring reconciliation and forgiveness;
- Jesus told Peter to forgive people up to 77 times!
- Jesus said that if Christians do not forgive others they will not be forgiven themselves;
- St Paul said that Christians should try to live in peace with everyone.

Christians believe that the power of forgiveness and love can lead to reconciliation and the ending of conflict.

Nevertheless, Christians believe that a conflict about a moral or religious issue would not be able to be resolved for example, if parents argued that a Roman catholic should not become a Priest, then the boy should still go ahead and be a priest.

"If anyone has caused grief... you ought to forgive and comfort him." 2 Corinthians 2:7



Christianity and Forgiveness!

1. Why is Jesus important in Christian attitudes to forgiveness?	2. Why do Christians believe they should forgive people for what they have done?
3. How can forgiveness bring about reconciliation?	4. What sorts of conflicts might not be able to be resolved by Christianity?

Task 6

"People who make mistakes should always be forgiven"

- Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer
- Give reasons why some people may disagree with you

<u>For</u> What reasons are there to agree with this statement?	<u>Against</u> What reasons are there to disagree with this statement?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus told Peter he should forgive someone '70 times 7' (i.e. always) If you don't forgive people then there will never be any peace Everyone deserves a second chance Jesus told his disciples God can only forgive us if we forgive others Gee Walker (mother of Anthony, who was murdered) said that forgiving is better for you and makes you feel better 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you forgive everyone, people might think you are too soft and take advantage of you Some things are too bad to ever be forgiven e.g. if someone killed your loved one You can't forgive someone unless they are truly sorry and prepared to make up for what they did
Do YOU agree or disagree with this statement? Give one reason	

Using your plan answer the following question

"People who make mistakes should always be forgiven"

- i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer
- ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you

I agree/disagree (CROSS ONE OUT), because

Other people might think differently to me because

	<u>A time when</u>	<u>The story of the Lost Son.</u>	<u>Why is it important to:</u>
<u>Contrition</u> Feeling sorry.	I felt bad about something I had done:	When the son realised he was sorry:	Realise when we have made mistakes:
<u>Confession</u> Saying sorry.	I said sorry to someone:	When the son said sorry:	Apologise for our mistakes:
<u>Penance</u> Showing you are sorry.	I did something to show that I was sorry.	What the son said he would do to prove that he was sorry:	Show/prove that we are sorry:
<u>Forgiveness</u> Apology accepted!	I forgave someone OR when someone forgave me.	How we know the father forgave his son.	Forgive other people when they make mistakes:

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Key Words

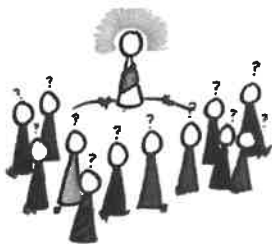
1. Write the meaning of these key words.

Repent	
Forgiveness	

2. What is a parable?

3. To help teach the people about how to live Jesus told them the parable of the prodigal son.

Read through the story and try to fill in the gaps!



There was a man with t__ sons. The y_____ son asked his dad for his share of his dad's money.

The son got his money and left his family. His Dad was s____ that he had lost his son and thought he would never see him again.

The son made lots of new f_____ and spent all his money on wild p_____ for them. But, when his money ran out his friends stopped talking to him and he ended up p_____ and s_____.

The son got a job feeding pigs. Jewish people thought pigs were dirty, disgusting animals and never ate them, never mind fed them!!

One day, the son was so hungry that decided to r_____ home and beg his Dad to f_____ him.

His Dad saw him coming and ran to him. He h_____ him and told his servants to prepare a feast for his son.

"This son of mine was d_____ and is alive again: he was lost and is f_____!"

The celebration began.

The older son had been working in the field. He heard music and dancing so he went into the house. He was a_____ at what he saw!



"Dad! I have worked so hard for you all these years. I have always done as I was told but you have never given me such a great party! Why, do you throw this party for a son who blew your money and wished you dead?"

"My son," the Dad said, "you are always with me and everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate your brother's return! We have to be h_____ that he is no longer dead or lost. He is alive and found!"

Two	forgotten	younger	sad	upset	family	friends	parties
poor	lonely	starving	sorry	return	forgive		
Hugged	repent	dead	found	angry	happy		

4. What message was Jesus trying to teach us using this story?

