



Forgiveness



Forgiveness is to stop feeling angry or resentful towards someone for an offence, flaw, or mistake.

People lived in a world that seemed unfair, where people argued and were selfish and unkind. God sent Jesus to show people how to live well together. The crowds listened intently to Jesus that day and he taught them that God forgave the bad things people did if they were truly sorry, made the right choice to change bad behaviour to good and welcome Him. Jesus helped the people understand that by being generous with their forgiveness and by being forgiven by others, they will become good people and contribute to making the world a better place for all to live.



Like Jesus, we are generous to forgive those who have wronged us or made mistakes. We also strive to forgive ourselves. We dare to ask for forgiveness when we have done something wrong. We mean 'sorry' and change our behaviour to show this. Forgiveness enables us to learn from our experiences and grow in character.

The people learned about forgiveness at the lakeside and saw that this was a better way to live.

In our learning at Egerton this leads us to:

- Forgive ourselves when we make mistakes and know that a mistake is an opportunity to learn.
- Know that if we still don't understand, even though we have tried hard and listened, we can forgive ourselves and ask for help.
- Value all mistakes as opportunities to develop deeper understanding.

