



# Forgiveness Community Values

## Talk time...

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to forgive someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has forgiven you

## Words of Wisdom...

“Without forgiveness there is no future.... If you can forgive, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person”  
Desmond Tutu

## Home-School- Community Task

**Have a party at home to remember the story of the prodigal son. Bring in photos!**

## Prayer time...

Dear Lord,  
Please forgive me for the mistakes I have made. I am truly sorry and ask for your forgiveness.  
Amen

This half term, in our community, we will be focussing on the value of Forgiveness. We hope you will find these ideas helpful and enjoyable as you explore the value of FORGIVENESS. Jesus said “Forgive other people and you will be forgiven” Luke 6:37

## Community Bible Storytime...

### Forgiveness Parable: The Prodigal Son

Jesus told the story about a man who had two sons. One day the younger son asked his father for his inheritance money. The father thought and decided to give his two sons their money and he shared it evenly between them.

The younger son immediately left home with his money and planned to never return. He left his home, but more importantly he left his father who loved him and missed him very much. While the son was gone, he spent all of the money quickly until he had nothing left. He didn't have any money to eat and he didn't have anyone to help him. He decided to return home to his father, but he was worried, he felt he did not deserve to be called his son.

As he got nearer to his home, his father came running out yelling ‘My son! My son! You are finally home!’ The son couldn't believe his father was happy to see him. His father hugged and kissed him. But the son quickly said, “Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I don't deserve to be called your son...” The father said to one of his servants, “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Bring the biggest calf and kill it. Let's have a party and celebrate because my son was lost and is found!”

When the older son heard of his brother's return and the party held in his honour he was cross.

The father heard that he was upset, so he went to talk to him and invited him to join the party. But the son refused saying, “Look! I have been working for you all these years and I've never disobeyed you. Yet you never had a big party for me to celebrate with my friends. But now my younger brother has come home, spent all the money you gave him, and you kill the biggest calf for him!”

“But, my son,” the father said, “you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was lost and now he is found.” The father forgave his son. In this story the father is like God, forgiving us when we have done wrong.