

KS1 Unit 9, Lesson 6: The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Context:

This lesson explores Christian beliefs that, just as God gives unconditional forgiveness to them, in the same way they should forgive others.

Overview:

What does the parable of the Unmerciful Servant tell us about forgiving people?

Essential core:

Recall the story of the Unmerciful servant Matthew 18:23-34, including (a) Peter's question "how many times should I forgive?" (b) The events of the parable (c) Understand that, just as Christians believe that God forgives them, Jesus wants them to forgive everyone.

Resources:

<http://request.org.uk/teachers/teaching-resources/2015/03/12/benny-the-boss-and-the-unforgiving-servant/>

Materials to draw story maps.

INTRODUCTION:

Discuss meaning of mercy, unmerciful, forgive and saying sorry.

Watch the video of the parable

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BUILD UP:

Revise what is special about parables? Remind pupils they are stories with special meanings.

What was Peter's question? (How many times should I forgive?) Why do you think he asked this question?

What answer did Jesus give?

Partner talk;

What do you think is the meaning of this parable?

Have you ever needed to say sorry? What happened?

When do you think people can say they are sorry?

If they are really sorry will they try not to do the same thing again?

Should they try to be kind to other people and forgive them when they are upset?

TASK:

Pupils to draw a story map for this parable, with speech bubbles for what people are saying.

Or to draw a story map telling of when they did something wrong and were forgiven.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

Can the pupils explain forgiveness?

Can the pupils explain the meaning of this parable?