



RE:quest

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS IN ACTION

FORGIVENESS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

To examine how Christian beliefs affect their actions, through a study of the Parable of the Lost Son.

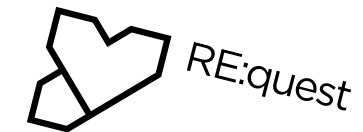
To understand the importance of forgiveness to Christians.

This project will take a look at how what Christians believe affect what they do.

The focus for this project is forgiveness.

There is a sheet accompanying this presentation which you can use to record your answers.

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**BELIEFS IN ACTION:
WHY IS FORGIVENESS SO IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIANS?**

RE:quest is full of amazing resources which will help you get a better understanding of Christianity. This project will look at how Christian beliefs affect their actions. We will look at forgiveness by taking a close look at what the Bible says on the subject.

Use the 'Christian Beliefs in Action - Forgiveness' PDF and complete the tasks set on this sheet.

STARTER: A Moment in Time.

Look at the photo on the PDF and answer the questions here:

What might have happened before the photo was taken?

What might be happening now?

What may happen after? Think of two possible outcomes.

Which of these two things do you think is the best? Why?

LEARNING OUTCOMES: _____

BY THE END OF THIS PROJECT:

All will identify and describe the link between actions and beliefs. You will show some understanding of the importance of forgiveness to Christians and yourself.

Most will explain the link between actions and beliefs. You will make some analysis of forgiveness and show an increased understanding of its importance to Christians and yourself.

Some will make a detailed analysis of the link between actions and beliefs. You will evaluate forgiveness, offering reasoned arguments as to why it is important to Christians and yourself.

A MOMENT IN TIME...

What might have happened
before the photo was taken?
What might be happening now?
What may happen after? Think
of two possible outcomes
Which of these outcomes do
you think is the best? Why?



Did one of your outcomes
include forgiveness?

I HOPE SO!

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

It means to stop being angry
with someone for something that
person has done to hurt you.

UNPACKING FORGIVENESS

Watch this video to see what Christians believe about forgiveness, then answer the questions on the accompanying sheet. Click [here](#) to watch the video.

WHY DO CHRISTIANS THINK FORGIVENESS IS IMPORTANT?

Christians get their ideas about all kinds of stuff from the Bible. In particular, they love to follow what Jesus taught them. They read what he taught and how he behaved and it shows them how to behave.

To understand why Christians think forgiveness is important we are going to have a closer look at a story Jesus told called the Parable of the Lost Son.

THE LOST SON

Read the story of the Lost Son [here](#).
Watch a modern day retelling of the story [here](#).

CREATE A LIST OF:

- The people in the parable
- The things that happen in it

Use the grid on the sheet to help you organise the information.



Summarise the story in your own words using a maximum of 100 words.

If we dig deeper into this parable we can find out stuff about the nature of God. Complete these questions on the accompanying sheet:

Who does the father represent?

Who does the lost son represent?

What does this parable teach us about forgiveness?

How does this parable show us that forgiveness is important to God?

BELIEF IN ACTION

Forgiveness is not easy, but there are many cases where Christians have overcome great pain by forgiving the person who has hurt them.

Watch this video to hear a true story of forgiveness in the face of unimaginable pain. Click [here](#) to watch the video.

THEN COMPLETE THE TASK ON THE SHEET.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF FORGIVENESS WAS BANNED?

Chaos? Anger? Sadness?

All of the above?

What if it was made properly illegal?

READ ON...

IMPORTANT NEWSFLASH

The government announced today that it was officially banning forgiveness.

Anyone caught doing it will, no matter what the circumstances, be fined and made to pay lots of money that they probably can't afford so you really shouldn't do it. Or else.



WHAT TO DO?

YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT, IS TO WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR LOCAL MP, MR IVOR TEMPER.

In the letter you should explain exactly why you think the ban is a bad idea. Make sure you include:

At least 3 reasons

Reference to the Parable of the Lost Son

REWIND: A MOMENT IN TIME...

Write a new outcome for
this photo from a Christian
viewpoint.

What's going to happen next?
Why?



PLENARY: CHANGE THE WORLD

How could what you have learnt today change things:

At your school?

In your family?

Across the world?



YOU'VE COMPLETED
YOUR MISSION!

SEND IT TO YOUR TEACHER

and sit back with the satisfaction
of knowing you did a great job!

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Create an acrostic poem around this topic:

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