
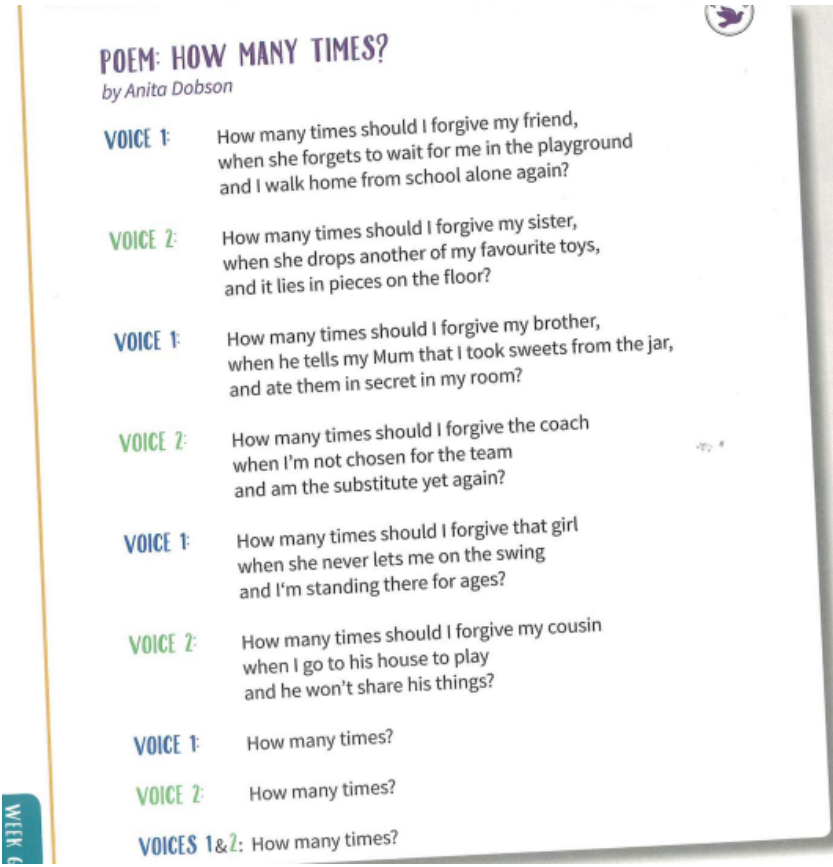



Date: Monday 5 th June 2023	Value: Peace	Leader: JWS
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Key message that the children need to take away
Values: Community
Theme: The words of Jesus – Forgive others

Gathering	<p>Music on entry. Children enter quietly</p> <p>Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together:</p> <p>Bible – God the Father Cross – God the Son Candle – God the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Candle is lit on the worship table</p> <p>All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today; Be with us Jesus, in our worship Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.</p>	<p>Image on display as children enter:</p> <p>Matthew 18.21 -22</p> <p>One day, Peter, a close friend of Jesus asked him, ‘How many times shall I forgive someone who wrongs me?’</p>  <p>Relaxing Christian music RELAXING CHRISTIAN MUSIC Instrumental, Hymns, Soft Music, Prayer Time Anointed - YouTube</p>
Engaging	<p>Pick up a broken toy/object from the worship table.</p> <p>Sometimes, precious things get broken.</p> <p>Relationships between people can get broken too.</p> <p>When this happens only forgiveness can help to make things better.</p> <p>Forgiveness can be very hard, especially if feelings have been badly hurt.</p> <p>If you were trying to explain the meaning of forgiveness to someone who had never heard of it before, how would you describe it?</p> <p>Discuss with a talk partner.</p>	

Learning	<p>Matthew 18.21 -22</p> <p>One day, Peter, a close friend of Jesus asked him, ‘How many times shall I forgive someone who wrongs me?’</p> <p>Two children read the following poem:</p>  <p>POEM: HOW MANY TIMES? <i>by Anita Dobson</i></p> <p>VOICE 1: How many times should I forgive my friend, when she forgets to wait for me in the playground and I walk home from school alone again?</p> <p>VOICE 2: How many times should I forgive my sister, when she drops another of my favourite toys, and it lies in pieces on the floor?</p> <p>VOICE 1: How many times should I forgive my brother, when he tells my Mum that I took sweets from the jar, and ate them in secret in my room?</p> <p>VOICE 2: How many times should I forgive the coach when I'm not chosen for the team and am the substitute yet again?</p> <p>VOICE 1: How many times should I forgive that girl when she never lets me on the swing and I'm standing there for ages?</p> <p>VOICE 2: How many times should I forgive my cousin when I go to his house to play and he won't share his things?</p> <p>VOICE 1: How many times?</p> <p>VOICE 2: How many times?</p> <p>VOICES 1&2: How many times?</p> <p>Peter asked Jesus, ‘Shall I forgive the person who wrongs me, as many as 7 times?’</p> <p>Jesus responds, ‘not 7 times but 70 times 7.’ In other words, go on forgiving and never stop!</p>
Reflecting	<p>Discuss with your talk partner:</p> <p>Why do you think Jesus’ answer to Peter (an to all of us) was to go on forgiving?</p> <p>Who suffers the most when we hold on to grudges and refuse to forgive?</p>
Responding	<p>Use the Powerpoint to look at the photos.</p>

	<p>What might have happened to the people just before the photos were taken? Why might forgiveness be necessary?</p> <p>What would be the result in a school community if people failed to forgive one another?</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>When things are broken</p> <p>Help us to forgive one another.</p> <p>When friends let us down</p> <p>Help us to forgive one another.</p> <p>When life seems unfair</p> <p>Help us to forgive one another.</p> <p>Amen</p>
Sending Out	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle</p> <p>Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way,</p> <p>All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen</p> <p>SHILL: Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many.</p> <p>All: So today we will grow together and learn together.</p> <p>Music is played</p>
Hymn	Peace, perfect peace
Class follow-up	<p>Matthew 18.21 -22</p> <p>One day, Peter, a close friend of Jesus asked him, ‘How many times shall I forgive someone who wrongs me?’</p> <div data-bbox="368 1493 1019 1703">  </div>



Forgiving Fingers



Forgiving people, or yourself, can be hard. Take a moment to think about why it can help to forgive and how you can do it.

- Think about why it can be important to forgive someone and write it on the palm of the hand.
- On each finger or thumb, write a way we can forgive someone. You can use the words that are dotted around to help you, or think of your own.
- Colour and decorate your forgiving fingers.
- Cut out your hand shape and use it as a reminder when you need to forgive yourself or someone else.

