

# Year 2 Term 2

## God is Pure and Holy

### 4 Weeks



#### Outcomes

At the completion of this module students will understand:

- The definition of sin
- That God is without sin
- The definition of 'pure': clean and perfect
- That sometimes we do wrong to other people
- That friendships are broken when we do wrong to our friends, or if our friends do wrong to us
- That to forgive someone means to forget about the wrong things that person did to you and be friends again
- That friendships can be made right again when one says 'sorry' and the other says "I forgive you"
- That we should never stop forgiving

#### Related classroom topics for Science, Social Studies and Health:

Feelings and emotions; the Fruit of the Spirit

#### Link between "God is Pure and Holy" and classroom topics:

We can express our emotions in a way that is pleasing to God. We can make others feel happy by sharing joy. But we can make others feel sad when we express anger. Having the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives can help us to control our anger, express love and joy and feel peaceful instead of worried.

#### Values:

Goodness; holiness; integrity; Honesty; fairness; respect for truth and justice

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## Week 1

### As God forgives us, so we should forgive others.

God wants us to have right relationships with others.

#### Bible references

Matthew 6:12

Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.  
(GNB)

1 John 1:9

If we tell God that we have sinned, He will forgive us and make us clean.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.  
(GNB)

Matthew 26:31-34; John 21:15-18 Jesus forgives Peter

#### Introductory discussion

Why is it good to have a 'best friend'?

How would you feel if your best friend did something bad to you?

What might you do? (You might decide not to like them any more and not to talk to them.  
This is a 'broken friendship'.)

What would God want you to do? (God would want you to forgive that person.)

What does it mean to forgive?

(To forgive means giving someone another chance after they have done something wrong. To forgive means making peace instead of paying the person back. To forgive means to be kind to the person who did wrong to you.)

Why should we forgive? (We are not happy inside when we have a broken friendship.)

#### Bible Lesson: Jesus forgives Peter

Just before Jesus died, Peter told Jesus that he would always be his follower. But Jesus said, "Peter, this very night, before the rooster crows in the morning, you will say that you do not know me, three times."

Peter did not believe he could do such a thing. But after Jesus died, Peter was afraid. "If the enemies of Jesus find out I am a follower of Jesus, they might kill me too," he thought.

It was a cold night and Peter saw that there was a fire in the courtyard. He decided to go over there to keep warm, but was careful to stay at the back of the group of people so as not to be seen.

But then someone recognised him.

"Weren't you with Jesus?" asked a lady. "Weren't you one of Jesus friends?"

“No,” said Peter. “Not me. I never knew Jesus.”

Then someone else spoke up. “Yes, I’m sure I saw you with Jesus.”

“No, not me,” said Peter.

And a third time he was asked, but he said again that he did not know Jesus.

It was almost morning now. Peter heard the rooster crow. He remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the rooster crows you will say three times that you do not know me.”

Peter was sorry and ashamed.

After Jesus came alive again Jesus had a chat to Peter. Jesus knew what Peter had done.

“Do you love me Peter?” asked Jesus.

“Yes, Jesus,” said Peter. “You know that I love you.”

Jesus asked twice more. “Do you love me Peter?”

Three times Peter told Jesus that he loved him.

Jesus had forgiven Peter and Peter felt happy again. Jesus told Peter that he could now spend the rest of his life telling others about Jesus.

### **Discussion**

How do you feel when you do something wrong?

How can you make things right? (You can say sorry.)

### **Role play**

Ask the children to work in pairs. One of the children has done something wrong to the other child. They want to make things right.

Person A says: “I’m sorry I .....”

Person B says: “That’s OK. I forgive you. Let’s be friends.”



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## Week 2

### A forgiving Father

God forgives us, so we should forgive others.

#### Bible references

Luke 15:11-32 The son who left home

Matthew 6:12-14 Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us. (GNB)

1 John 4:11 If this is how God loved us, then we should love one another. (GNB)

Ephesians 4:26b Do not stay angry all day. (GNB)

#### Discussion

Is it sometimes difficult to forgive others?

When two friends are no longer friends because something has happened between them, then they should try to become friends again.

The one who has done something wrong to the other person, even if it is an accident, should say "sorry", and really mean it.

The one who has had the wrong thing done to them should say "I forgive you."

In this story, someone had to say 'sorry' and someone had to forgive. At the end of the story, say who these people were.

#### Bible Lesson: The Lost Son

Jesus told this story.

A man had two sons. They helped their father work on the farm. The father had saved up money for his two sons. He planned to give it to them when they were old enough to have a home of their own. One day the younger son said to his father, "Father, may I please have my share of your money? I want to go and work in the town."

His father was sad to see his son go away, but he gave him the money and let him go.

When the son got to the town he made many friends. He spent his money on parties, beautiful clothes and things that he liked.

Soon all the money was gone. Now the young man had no bed, no food, nowhere to sleep. He had to look for work. He went to a pig farm to see if he could get work.

A farmer said, "Yes, I have work for you. You can feed the pigs."

The young man did not want to feed the pigs, but he had to do it. He was even glad to eat some of the pig's food, because he was so hungry.

At last he was so unhappy he thought,  
“This is an unhappy life here. I wish I was back at home with my father. I’m sorry I left home.”

He left the pigs, and then started his long, long walk home. When he was near his home his father saw him coming. He ran with open arms to welcome his son back home. He was glad to see his son come back.

He hugged and kissed his son. He told the servants to get food ready for a big party. His lost son was found.

“I’m sorry for spending your money. I’m sorry I went away from you. I’ll work for you as a servant if you will let me come home,” said the son.

“My son, I forgive you. You will come home with us and help me like you did before. You were lost but now we have found you again.”

God is like the father in this story because people sometimes go away from God their Heavenly Father. They do things that God does not like. But if they say sorry to God and come back to Him, He will forgive them.

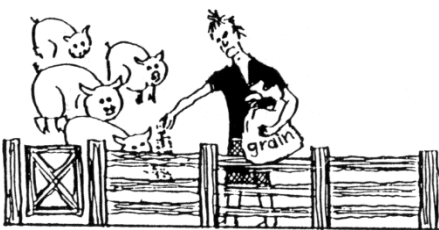
**Discussion:**

What did the son do that hurt his father?

Why would the father have been so disappointed in his son?

Do you think the father would have found it difficult to forgive his son?

Why is God like the father in this story?



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## Week 3

### Forgive others.

As God forgives us, so we should forgive others.

#### Bible references

Matthew 18:23-35 The parable of the king's servant

Luke 6:37 Forgive others, and God will forgive you. (GNB)

1 John 4:7-8; John 15:12 Love one another.

#### Play: The Drawings

(Can use puppets or act out)

#### Scene 1

*Betty is busy drawing. Billy comes in pretending to be an aeroplane, with arms outstretched, making aeroplane noises.*

#### Billy

Look Betty! I'm an aeroplane! Ee-ee-rr-rr.

*Billy crashes into Betty while she is drawing.*

#### Betty

Oh, look what you've made me do Billy. You made me put a big line across the page when you bumped into me. Now my drawing is ruined!

#### Billy

Sorry Betty.

#### Betty

That's O.K. I can do another one.

#### Scene 2

*Billy has just finished a drawing. He sits admiring it. Betty enters carrying two paper/plastic cups.*

#### Billy

Do you like my drawing Betty? It's a dinosaur!

#### Betty

That's great Billy. Look. I've brought two drinks. One for you and one for me.

*Betty puts the drinks down and spills one all over Billy's drawing.*

**Billy**

Now look what you've done! You've spilt the drink all over my drawing and all the colours are running. You've ruined it Betty! You make me so angry!

**Betty**

Sorry Billy. I didn't mean to.

**Billy**

You should be more careful. You're a great big clumsy elephant! Just clean up this mess and go away!

**Discussion**

Discuss the reactions of Billy and Betty.

Why would we expect Billy to have forgiven Betty?

**Bible Lesson: The King's Servant**

One day Jesus was asked this question:

"How many times should I forgive a person when he does something wrong to me?"

How do you think Jesus would have answered that question?

Jesus said, "Not one time, not ten times, but seventy times seven."

Can you imagine forgiving someone 490 times? What Jesus meant was this: we should never stop forgiving a person, even if they keep on doing unkind things to us.

Do your brothers or sisters sometimes do unkind things to you? In most families, there are times when brothers and sisters fight and argue. The number of times brothers and sisters treat each other unkindly might add up to even more than seventy-seven. No matter how many times your brothers or sisters have been unkind to you, God wants you to forgive them. When you truly forgive someone, you do not keep remembering all the wrong things they have done to you. You just forgive them, then forget about it. After all, Jesus has forgiven us for EVERYTHING we have done wrong.

Jesus told a story to explain about forgiving. In the days when Jesus lived on earth, kings had great power over their people. The king could throw a person into prison for not doing the right thing.

There was once a king who had a servant. This servant owed the king a lot of money. Let's say it was about \$500. The poor servant had no money and could not pay the king.

"Pay me," said the king, "or I'll sell you as a slave."

The poor servant fell on his knees.

"Please king," he said, "I have no money. Give me a bit more time to earn some."

The king felt sorry for the servant.

"All right," said the king. "I will let you go, and you don't have to pay me."

"Thank you," said the servant, who was very happy to be set free.

Not long after this, the servant was owed some money by one of the other servants. It wasn't so much money; only about \$50.

"Pay me or else I'll punish you," he said.

"Please," said the other servant, "I cannot pay you. I have no money. Just give me a bit more time to earn some."

"No," said the first servant. "You can go to prison until you can pay everything!"

When the king heard about this he was extremely angry with the first servant.

"You wicked servant," said the king. "I forgave you when you couldn't pay the money you owed me. You should have forgiven the other servant as I forgave you!"

Then the king sent the wicked servant to prison until he could pay all that he owed.

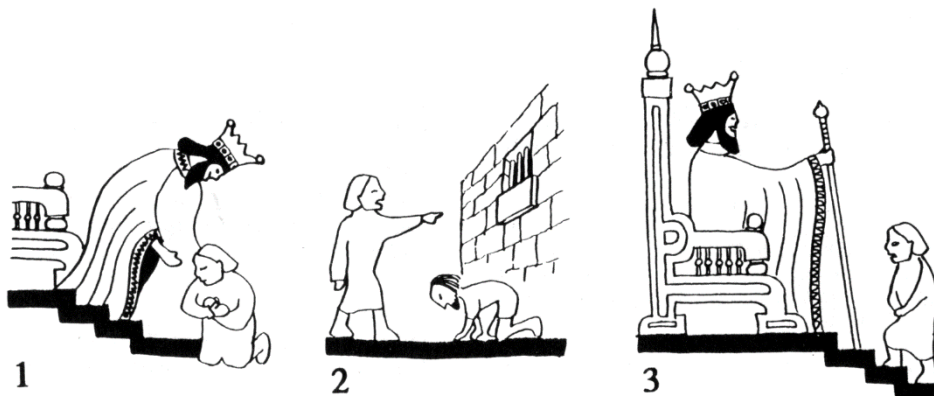
### Discussion

What does this story teach us about forgiveness?

Who has forgiven us more than anyone else?

### Activity

Say what is happening in each picture.



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# Week 4

## Keep on forgiving

### **Bible reference:**

Matthew 18:22 Seventy times seven

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins he is will forgive us for our sins and cleanse us from ALL wrong doing.

Matthew 6:12 The Lord's Prayer: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Matthew 6:14-15 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

### **Bible Lesson: Jesus teaches about forgiveness**

Jesus had taught His disciples much about forgiveness, but they still did not understand how much love God has for us and how much love He expects us to have for one another.

The teachers in the temple taught that a person should forgive someone else just three times and no more. Peter knew Jesus expected more than that.

So one day Peter said to Jesus, "How often should I forgive my brother? As many as seven times?"

This was more than twice as many times as the teachers said. Surely Jesus would praise him for being so generous and forgiving.

But Jesus said, "Peter, don't forgive just seven times, but as many as 70 times seven."

Seventy times seven! That was 490 times. Who could ever keep track of forgiving a person 490 times?

That was just the point Jesus wanted to make. We are not supposed to keep track of how many times we forgive someone. We are to keep forgiving, as God keeps forgiving us.

"If someone does wrong to you seven times in one day," Jesus added, "and then is sorry and asks your forgiveness, you should go ahead and forgive him seven times."

We can answer Peter's question about how many times to forgive someone by saying, "How many times do I want God to forgive me?" If I want God to forgive me every time I do wrong, then I must be willing to forgive others every time they do wrong to me. And we are supposed to forgive people even if they don't ask to be forgiven.

Just saying the words of forgiveness is not enough. We must mean the words.

Jesus said, "My Father will not forgive your sins unless you forgive others in your heart".

It isn't always easy to forgive, but if we ask God to help us, He will give us His love and forgiveness to pass on to others.

Sometimes it is hard to believe God will really forgive us. We may think we are just too bad to be forgiven. But remember, He does not keep track of the number of times He forgives. "God will forgive every sin," Jesus promised.

**Discussion:**

What does God want us to do after we do something wrong?

- First - ask Jesus to forgive us. He can make us clean inside.
- Then – ask the person we have hurt to forgive us.

What if you accidentally hurt someone? Should you still ask for forgiveness?

**Activity**

Draw two people. One is talking to the other, saying sorry. Draw speech bubbles for each person and write what each person says in their speech bubble.