



# FORGIVENESS

Spring 2 2023

# Welcome

- We have gathered in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to worship together and think about our value **forgiveness.**

We light our three candles.



# A Clean Slate

- Christians believe that when they say sorry to God for the wrong things they have done He **forgives** them completely and gives them a new start, a clean slate

Hello  
Clean  
Slate!

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# A Clean Slate



- Take your white boards and pens. You have 20 seconds to draw a continuous line covering as much of the board as possible.

# A Clean Slate



- Just look at the mess and how quickly it occurred!
- You now have 3 seconds to try and rub off the line.
- True **forgiveness** is like wiping the slate clean.

# Learning

**Forgiveness** is...

Forgetting the hurts

**O**ffering a new beginning

**R**estoring a friendship

**G**iven and received

**I**dentifying responsibility

**V**aluing the truth

**E**nding an argument

**N**ot holding a grudge

**E**ncouraging honesty

**S**aying sorry

**S**tarting again

# Reflecting



- With a talk partner or think by yourself, decide which line you think describes real **forgiveness**?
- Why?



# Responding

- Our words of wisdom from the Bible this half term are:
- "Just as the Lord has **forgiven** you, so you must also **forgive** others." Colossians 3:13

# Responding



- In a mysterious and amazing way, when Jesus died on the cross He was taking all the wrong in the world upon His shoulders. He paid the price so that we don't have to answer to God for the bad things we have done. We are **forgiven**. The slate is wiped clean, even cleaner than our whiteboards!

# Let Us Pray

- Today's prayer is called a 'Teaspoon Prayer'. The sentences in the prayer start with **T**hank you, **S**orry and **P**lease, or **t,s** and **p**, the abbreviation for teaspoon.



# Let Us Pray



- Dear Lord,
- **T**hank you that you offer **forgiveness** to all, through Jesus.
- **S**orry for the times when we have been slow to say sorry to others or not quick enough to **forgive**.
- **P**lease help us to ask for **forgiveness** when we make a mistake and to accept an apology kindly.
- Amen