

Lesson 1 – Religion, Peace & Conflict

Lesson 1: What is peace and justice?

[Peace, justice, forgiveness, reconciliation \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy) Use this link when completing the worksheet.

In this theme, we will be looking at the key concepts of peace, justice, forgiveness and reconciliation, and the religious beliefs and teachings about these. We will also be exploring violence, terrorism and some of the reasons why people go to war.

Task: Match the key words to the correct definition

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Justice2. Peace3. Forgiveness4. Conflict	<p style="text-align: center;">Willingness to not blame a person anymore for the wrongs they have done</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To live in harmony with others</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A serious disagreement or argument</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To live in harmony with others</p>
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry5jTjBhZpA> – Watch the video and write down 3 points

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Justice is making things fair again. There are two elements to it:

- a) To put right injustice; making right a situation which has been unjust
- b) To carry out this fight in a just way

Why do you think justice is important? Imagine someone murders someone but only gets 6 months in prison? Has justice been served? Explain your answer.

Quote	Explanation – what does this teach Christians?
“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!	
Love your enemies and pray for them – Jesus. (Sermon on the Mount)	
Forgives us our sins as we forgive those who trespass against us – Lord’s Prayer	

Use page 325 and read the story of Corrie Ten Boom and Eric Lomax.

(You will find the book in the files section on teams)

How does the story of either Corrie Ten Boom or Eric Lomax show forgiveness?

Answer

A Mothers forgiveness

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0110l6z>

The story of the racially motivated murder of 18-year-old Anthony Walker is told through news footage and the testimony of his mother and sister. They describe their feelings of pain, loss and resentment, but they also speak of their Christian faith and beliefs on forgiveness. They describe how forgiving the murderers is what Christ teaches them to do, but it has also helped to release their feelings of anger, bitterness, and revenge.

- **Explain what happened to Anthony.**

- **Explain why Anthony's mother/sister chose to forgive those who killed him.**

Explain TWO religious' beliefs about forgiveness.

Refer to scripture or sacred writings in your answer. [5 marks]

One religious' belief about forgiveness is from...

A quote to support this is...

This means...

The second religious belief about forgiveness is...

This means...