

We need to say sorry to fix things up inside ourselves and between each other. We don't need to say sorry to make God forgive us.



God's forgiveness
has happened for
us before we have
even asked!

Notes for Teachers

Overview

This story relates to the experience of forgiveness – God’s forgiveness and the forgiveness of the person who has been hurt or upset. There are two central points – that God forgives us even before we ask for forgiveness and, equally importantly, that we need to re-establish our relationship with the person whom we have hurt or upset.

Learning outcomes

- 1 Understand that our asking for forgiveness doesn’t make God forgive us – that’s already happened.
- 2 Recognise the need to say sorry to right things within ourselves and with the person we have hurt.
- 3 Understand the importance of doing something to repair a damaged relationship – simply saying ‘sorry’ is not enough.

Children’s experience

- Explore some occasions with the children when they have hurt or upset someone and needed to mend the relationship. What did they do? What did they say? How did they feel beforehand? How did they feel after?
- What are the sorts of words or actions that may hurt another person?
- How do we feel when someone hurts or upsets us? What would we like to happen in these situations?