

# WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE?



## Forgiveness Scenarios



These children are having an argument in the playground. They fall out after saying harmful words to each other. They then walk off, leaving each other feeling upset.

### Ending 1:

The one child approaches the other and apologises for being unkind. His friend does not accept his apology saying, 'You are a mean person and I don't want to be your friend anymore. Go away!'

### Ending 2:

The one child approaches the other and apologises for being unkind. His friend smiles shyly and offers his hand in friendship saying, 'That's ok. I am sorry too. I said some unkind things. I hope we can be friends again.'



Sarah has had a new toy for her birthday and Jayden wants to have a turn at playing with it.

Sarah refuses to share with Jayden and the children argue over the toy.

### Ending 1:

Sarah soon realises that she has acted selfishly and she goes over to Jayden saying, 'I'm so sorry Jayden. I have been very unkind. Here is my toy – of course you can have a turn at playing with it!'

Jayden glares at her and replies, 'Yes – you are a very selfish girl and you can keep your silly toy. I don't want to play with it and I don't want to play with you!'

### Ending 2:

Sarah soon realises that she has acted selfishly and she goes over to Jayden saying, 'I'm so sorry Jayden. I have been very unkind. Here is my toy – of course you can have a turn at playing with it!'

Jayden looks up through his tears and is a little surprised. He is so happy and jumps up and hugs Sara saying, 'Sarah, thank you so much! We can play with it together – you can share my toys next time too.'

