Activity: Forgiving isn't always easy! Six forgiveness scenarios Give a score out of 10 for how hard it is for these 6 people to forgive what has happened to them.

A. Sharon borrowed her friend Daisy's new i-Pod for the afternoon, with permission of course, but her little brother, running round, trod on it. The i-Pod still works, but it has a big scratch on the front. 'I'm really sorry, Daisy' says Sharon 'it was an accident'. I half killed David. Please can you forgive me?' Daisy looked at the long scratch on the i-Pod. It had been all shiny before...

#### What should Daisy say next?

# Difficulty of forgiving: [ /10]

D. Lois wanted to win the 200m race a bit too much. As they were getting ready to start, she looked across at Sharmila, the fastest in the school. She spoke quietly, but in the voice of a bully to the tall girl: 'I'll kick you in if you win today.' The gun went off and Sharmila was quicker. But in the last quarter of the race she slowed up, looking tired. Lois won by 3 metres. 'Hah, loser' she said to Sharmila.

# What should Sharmila say next? Difficulty of forgiving:

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B. Harun wanted to have his birthday at Alton
Towers and his dad promised they would go
and take three friends. But that was before Dad
lost his job. Two weeks before the birthday,
Dad sat Harun down and said, 'I'm really sorry,
son, but we just can't manage Alton Towers this
year. How about the cinema and a pizza
supper? Maybe next time, if things go well...

### What should Harun say next?

#### Difficulty of forgiving:

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E. Joe and Jon were twins. Always someone to play with – or to fight with. At Easter, they both had big eggs from their mum. Joe's was finished by Monday, but Jon saved his. But when he did open it, he found someone else had got there first. All the lower part, invisible from outside the box, had been eaten. He knew who he thought it was, and when he got Joe in a headlock, he asked him: 'did you eat my egg?' Joe grinned, and wriggled. 'What if I did? It was very nice' he said.

### What should Jon say next?

### Difficulty of forgiving:

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C. They had promised one of them would meet her, but mum was really late, and dad was even later. Chantelle stood outside the club for about 25 minutes, wondering if they were hurt, or gone on holiday without her. Then both of them arrived from opposite ends of the street at the same time, calling out to her: 'Sorry I'm late, darling, are you OK?'

## What should Chantelle say next?

Difficulty of forgiving: [ /10]

F. Wayne and Stephen always enjoyed being rivals: Wayne was the best defender, and Stephen the best striker in school. They liked trying to beat each other. But this particular match, as Stephen jumped for a header to score a winner, Wayne was a bit late. Stephen smashed his head and was knocked out for 10-seconds. When he came round, worried faces looked down on him. Wayne's was the most worried: 'I'm really sorry' he yelled...

# What should Stephen say next? Difficulty of forgiving:

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