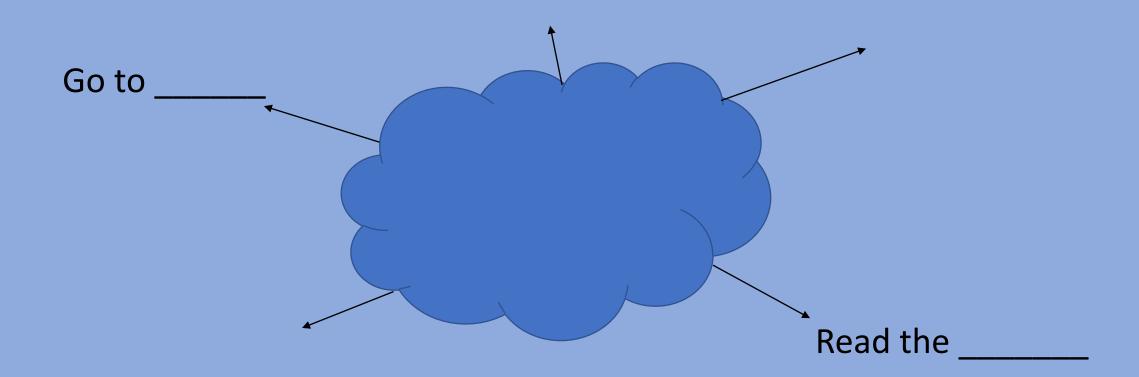
The parable of the lost son teaches Christians that God is **loving** and **forgiving**. So, Christians want to show God that they love him as well. What do Christians do to show that they love God?



## Discuss...

- Is forgiveness important for just Christians or for everyone?
- What happens in school or at home if you break the rules? Are you forgiven?

For 1 minute with the person sitting next to you, taking it in turns, practice forgiving each other. For example -

Partner 1: "I am very sorry for \_\_\_\_\_\_".

Partner 2: "That's okay, I forgive you".

### Discuss...

- How might you feel if you are not forgiven?
- Why can it sometimes be hard to forgive people?

Write on your whiteboard what you think is the most important reason why we should forgive people.

Christians pray to God for many different reasons. They might want to say thank you for something they are grateful for, ask for advice or ask for forgiveness.

What is a prayer?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-christian-prayer/zbjv92p

You are going to write your own prayer.

You can either...

- 1. Write a prayer saying sorry to God about something you have done
- 2. Write a prayer asking God for help
- 3. Write a prayer thanking God for something

## <u>Example:</u>

Dear God,

Thank you for my loving family and friends. They always play with me and look after me when I need help. Also, thank you

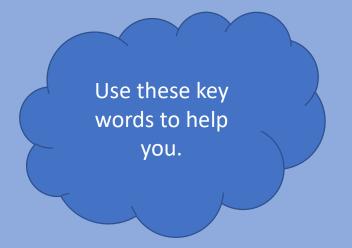
for the sunshine, I have had so much fun playing outside on

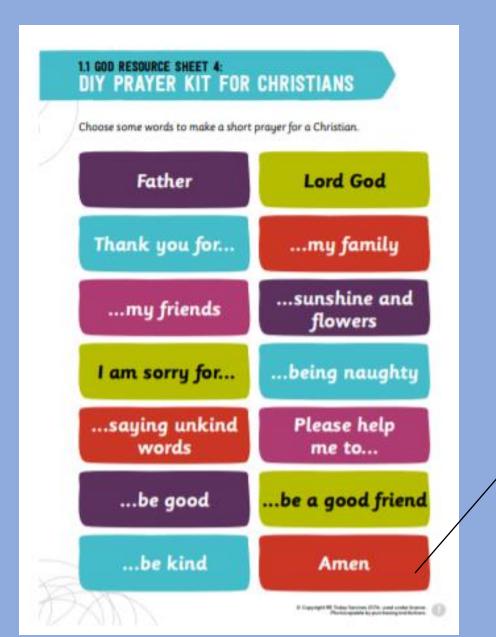
my bike at the weekends.

Amen.

#### You need to include...

- Dear God at the beginning of your prayer
  - Amen at the end





Amen is a word Christians use to end a prayer. It means 'so be it'.