



Religious Studies

Y9 Autumn 1: Sin, Forgiveness, and Suffering

	Keyword	Meaning
1	Original Sin	The first sin committed by humans that is passed down through generations
2	Genesis	The beginning
3	Reconciliation	To make peace between two opposed sides
4	Atonement	Being at one with God again
5	Penance	An action that is carried out to show we are sorry for our sins
6	Personal Sin	The sin that we chose to do through our own free will
7	Confession	Openly telling another about the things that we have done wrong
8	Suffering	The experience of being harmed
9	Conscience	Our internal guide on what is moral
10	Forgiveness	The decision to no longer hold anger or resentment towards someone that has caused you suffering.

‘the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat^[d] of it you shall surely die.”
Genesis 2:16-18

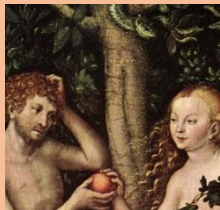
“Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.” Luke 15: 31-33

“Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father’s love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life.”
Pope Francis



Symbols	Meaning
Father	God
Lost Son	Sinners
Other Son	Followers of Christ
Prodigal Behaviour	Sinful actions
Returning of the son	Confessing sins to God and receiving his grace

Original sin is the sin that man first committed. The sin of eating the apple from the tree in the Garden of Eden. This led all humanity to suffer and gave us our sinful nature. This sin must be removed to achieve heaven.



Conscience
Our conscience is the ‘voice’ in our mind that tells us which actions are right and wrong. It helps us to make decisions.

Free Will
Free will is the gift from God to be able to follow our own conscience. It allows us to do sin or turn towards God. It allows us to have a relationship of true and chosen love with God.