

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: MARCH 12

Bible Story: Life Changes (Zacchaeus) *Luke 19:1-10*

Big Idea: When you forgive others, it can change them.

Memory Verse: "Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you "

Colossians 3:13 (NIRV)

Life App: Forgiveness – deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Luke 19:1-20.

Jesus often interacted with the most unexpected people. Zacchaeus was a tax collector working for Rome. He earned a reputation for taking advantage of his fellow Jewish people. Zacchaeus was considered an outcast by many, so he must have been shocked when Jesus asked to come over to his home for a meal. When Zacchaeus encountered Jesus, he changed. He went back to the people he had cheated and returned four times as much money as he took from them.

When you forgive others, it can change them. When God forgives us, it changes us from the inside out. The same can be true when you forgive others. You never know what can happen when you take the first step toward forgiveness. When you decide to reach out and offer forgiveness, it can change the way the other person sees you, the situation, and the impact of their actions.

Meal Time



While at a meal, ask everyone to make the face you describe. For example, "Show me your surprised face!" Or "Show me your sad face!" Have everyone participate in making the faces and do a few more rounds, using different words. Then, make the final round be, "Show me your face when someone forgives you!" Discuss how forgiveness can change how a person is feeling and why it is so important to forgive others.



DAY 1

READ *Luke 19:7-8*

When Zacchaeus climbed up in that tree to get a better view, he had NO idea that Jesus would stop, call him by name, and invite himself over for dinner. But that's exactly what happened!

Everyone needs forgiveness. That's why Jesus came! Jesus chose to love and forgive him. And because of Jesus' forgiveness, Zacchaeus changed from the inside out!

Discuss with a parent different people you can show forgiveness to. Maybe it's your younger sibling for playing with your toy without asking, or a classmate that cuts in line. Write what you can do to show forgiveness to someone below:

LOOK for opportunities to ask for forgiveness and forgive others.

DAY 2

READ *"Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7*

Think of an animal or insect that can change. For example, a caterpillar changes into a butterfly, a crab changes its shell, and even a chameleon changes its color. Draw an animal that changes in the space below:

Every animal or insect that makes a change does it to make itself better. When you forgive others, it can change them and you! When we choose to forgive, to show mercy, we become more like Jesus.

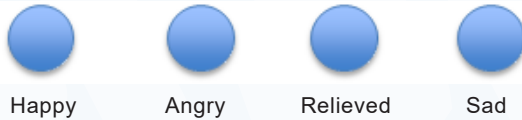
Stop and thank God for forgiving you, no matter what. Ask God to help you to show mercy and compassion to the people around you.

THANK God for forgiving you no matter what.

DAY 3

READ "Now you should forgive him and comfort him. Then he won't be sad more than he can stand." 2 Corinthians 2:7

Inside of each circle, draw the eyes, nose, and mouth of someone who is feeling the emotion written below the circle.



Put an "X" on the faces of how people might feel if they have not been forgiven. Put a star by how a person feels who has been forgiven. Look how much better it feels to be forgiven! When you choose to forgive, it can change how that person feels!

KNOW you can change a life if you just forgive.

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Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

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parent CUE:

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Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



DAY 4

READ "If you do not judge other people, then you will not be judged. If you do not find others guilty, then you will not be found guilty. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." Luke 6:37

Sometimes people hurt us, and it's hard to be kind to them. But God wants us to forgive! Is there someone you need to forgive? Take a minute and talk to God about it. Ask Him to help you to forgive and show kindness to that person this week

**"Dear God,
Thank you for loving and forgiving me. I pray that I can follow
Your lead and forgive others, especially when it's hard. Please
help me to forgive always.
Amen"**

ASK God to lead you to forgive others.

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

2nd Grade	March 19
1st Grade	March 26
Kindergarten	April 16
4th Grade	April 23
3rd Grade	April 30



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