

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: MARCH 19

Bible Story: Homecoming (The Story of the Lost Son) *Luke 15:11-32*

Big Idea: God will always forgive you.

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 15:11-32.

In Luke 15:11-32 Jesus shared a parable to help people understand God's amazing grace and forgiveness. A son came to his father and asked for his share of the inheritance. This broke the father's heart, but he went ahead and gave the son what he wanted. The son wasted all of the money and hit rock bottom. That's when he decided to go home to his father and ask for forgiveness. The father welcomed him home with open arms and threw a giant party for him. His older brother, on the other hand, chose not to forgive and became angry with his brother. He not only missed out on a party, but he also missed out on rebuilding a relationship with his brother.

God will always forgive you. Jesus' parable is such an amazing reminder of God's love. God's grace and forgiveness is so deep and wide. When we come to God and ask for forgiveness, God is there waiting with open arms, offering unending love that restores the relationship we've broken. This is all possible because of Jesus. We pray that every kid understands what Jesus did for them and trusts God with their whole life.



Read Luke 15:1-7 as a family. Think about something that you would be really upset about if you lost or misplaced and think about how long you would search for that item. In the Bible, God tells us that whenever we get lost or need forgiveness, He will always come search for us . . . for as long as it takes. We are His prized possession that He wouldn't want to lose. As a family, thank God for always searching for you and finding you when you're lost.

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WEEK 3

God TIME

DAY 1

READ "But God loves us deeply. He is full of mercy. So he gave us new life because of what Christ has done. He gave us life even when we were dead in sin. God's grace has saved you." *Ephesians 2:4-5*

Grab a piece of tin foil from the kitchen. See how shiny it is? Next, crumple it up into a ball. Now, try and make it look like it did before. Can you do it?

This is similar to how our lives look when we mess up. We can try to make it right on our own but no matter how hard we try, we will never be like the shiny tin foil again.

But there is good news! God loves you! God knew that our sins and mess ups would separate us from Him, so God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sin so that we could be forgiven.

THANK God for sending Jesus so that we could be forgiven.

DAY 2

READ *1 John 1:9*

Fill in the blank with what's missing.

"But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, He will _____ our sins. He will _____ every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure." *1 John 1:9*

Jesus came to earth so that we can be forgiven! Following Jesus doesn't make you perfect. You'll still mess up and need to ask God and others for forgiveness. But this verse tells us that when you ask, God will always forgive you. Take a moment and talk to God, thanking Him for His forgiveness.

LOOK for times to forgive others and ask for forgiveness yourself.

DAY 3

READ "God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16

God loved. God gave. We believe. We receive.

Those are the four big ideas in today's verse. God loved us (all of us) so much He gave us Jesus. When we believe in Jesus (ask Him to be our Savior), we'll receive eternal life (life forever in heaven).

Write this verse on a piece of paper and hang it somewhere you will see it often to remind you and your family of God's love.

SEEK to understand more about how much God loves you!

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called Parent Cue. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

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 "Lord, you are forgiving and good. You are full of love for all who call out to you." Psalm 86:5

What do you need to ask God for forgiveness for? If there is something weighing heavy on your heart or mind, personalize the prayer below and ask God for forgiveness.

"Dear God,
I am sorry that I _____.
I know I don't deserve Your forgiveness, but you give it to me anyway. Thank You for sending Jesus so that I can be forgiven just as the prodigal son was forgiven and accepted back into his family. In Jesus' Name, I pray Amen."

ASK God for forgiveness.

at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

1st Grade	March 26
Kindergarten	April 16
4th Grade	April 23
3rd Grade	April 30
2nd Grade	May 7



Child's Name: _____