

# PARENT CORNER

## weekly

TODAY: MARCH 26

**Bible Story:** Mercy, Mercy Me (The Story of the Unmerciful Servant)

*Matthew 18:21-35*

**Big Idea:** Forgive others because God forgives 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 Matthew 18:21-35**

In Matthew 18:21-35, Jesus told this parable because Peter asked a question about forgiveness. Peter might have thought he was doing pretty well to say he'd forgive someone seven times, but Jesus raised the stakes and said we ought to forgive others even more. Jesus showed what this meant with a parable about a servant who was shown incredible forgiveness yet wouldn't offer forgiveness to someone else.

Our Big Idea is... **Forgive others because God forgives you.** God's love for us is huge. That love drives God to forgive us when we do something wrong. God can help us to forgive people in our life too. When we realize how much God has forgiven us, we can turn around and forgive people who might hurt us. This might be difficult, but God can give us the help we need to love others and show forgiveness.



As your kid starts their day, discuss something that can be done to show someone else kindness today, even if the person is not always nice. Tell your kid something you will do today too. Then, at the end of the day, make a point to talk about how it went!

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# WEEK 4

# God TIME

# DAY 1

**READ** "Forgive other people when they sin against you. If you do, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you." *Matthew 6:14*

God wants you to treat others the way HE treats you. That's why if someone hurts you and then says they're sorry, you should forgive. God loves you and He wants good things for you, including good relationships with others. Since God forgave you, you should forgive others.

Grab a piece of paper. Write down someone's name on the page that you need to forgive. Then fold up the page into a paper airplane. Once you've followed through and forgiven that friend, send that airplane soaring as high as you can.

**KNOW** that God has forgiven you and with His help, you can forgive others too.

# DAY 2

**READ** "Peter came to Jesus. He asked, 'Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you not seven times, but 77 times.'" *Matthew 18:21-22*

With a family member, have them count you saying "I forgive you" as many times as you can in one minute. Then, count how many times they say "I forgive you" in one minute.

How many times did you say it? \_\_\_\_\_

Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should we forgive someone? Seven times?" "Nope, seventy-seven times," That's a lot, isn't it? What if I lose count? Well, that's exactly the point. Jesus wanted Peter to stop counting and simply choose forgiveness instead.

When someone does something wrong and asks for forgiveness, forgive them. Don't keep track. Whether it's the first time, or the seventy-first time, choose forgiveness!

**ASK** God to help you forgive as He's forgiven you.

# DAY 3

**READ** "Be kind to and tender to one another. Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done." Ephesians 4:32

When it's hard to forgive, it's good to remember the promises we find in God's word. This verse is a great one to memorize. Because there will be a time this week when someone does something that makes you mad or sad or hurt. And in that moment, you could remember the words of this verse to help you choose forgiveness.

Ask a parent to help you make up motions to this verse to help you memorize it. Say it over and over with the motions. Then, teach it to someone else in your house! Learning this verse will help you choose forgiveness.

**LOOK** for opportunities to be kind and forgiving.

## 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** "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

God asks us to forgive again and again. Can you think of someone you need to forgive? Pray and ask God to help you forgive that person this week.

"Dear God, I pray that I can forgive others again and again. Sometimes it's so hard to forgive others! I pray that You can help me love them by forgiving them like You forgive me. Thank you for forgiving me, Amen."

**THANK** God for forgiving you again and again.

## at a GLANCE



### Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

- April 16 Kindergarten
- April 23 Fourth Grade
- April 30 Third Grade
- May 7 Second Grade
- May 14 1st Grade



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_