

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: SEPTEMBER 27

Bible Story: Forgive and Let By / Unmerciful Servant *Matthew 18:21-35*

Big Idea: Friends forgive one another.

Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times. He is there to help when trouble comes." *Proverbs 17:17, NlrV*

Life Ap: Friendship— using your words and actions to show others you care.

Bible Story Summary: This month we are talking about Friendship. We've talked about loving and accepting our friends, but what happens when our friends hurt us? In **Colossians 3:13**, Paul writes, *Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you, (NlrV).*

Jesus teaches us about forgiveness in the story of the unmerciful servant. This story reminds us that God has forgiven us of much, so we should forgive others. A good friend forgives.



While in the car ask your child to think of a friend they are having a hard time getting along with right now. Talk about ways you can show them love and encourage them to do it this week! Be sure to follow up so they can share how it went.



DAY 1

Read Colossians 3:13

When a friend messes up, like they don't let you have the ball, or say something mean without thinking, what do you do? Do you get mad? When they apologize, do you STAY mad?

One part of friendship is learning to forgive. Why? Because your friends aren't perfect. Neither are you. They will mess up. No matter what, forgiveness is always the best choice. Remember, you have been forgiven too. So if you are holding something against someone, choose forgiveness. Friends forgive one another.

In the verse below, "o" to complete the verse

"Put up with ___ne an__ther. F__rgive ___ne an__ther if y__u are h__lding s__mething against s__me__ne. F__rgive just as the L__rd f__rgave y__u." C__l__ssians 3:13

THANK God for forgiving you so that you can forgive others.

DAY 2

Read Ephesians 4:32

One big way to be a good friend is to offer forgiveness when a friend messes up. But when it comes to forgiveness, you have to use your words AND your actions.

To forgive means you say it AND show it.

Talk to your parent about an example of when you forgave someone. Ask your parent, when was the last time they had to forgive someone. Together, talk about what it's like to give forgiveness with words and actions.

ASK God to help you say and show forgiveness.



DAY 3

Read Matthew 6:14

Here's something that's kind of hard to understand. When you refuse to forgive, God takes it personally. Why? Because He's done a LOT to make sure you know you're forgiven. How? By sending Jesus.

Jesus came, lived a perfect life and then died on the cross. Not because He deserved it, but because WE did. He paid the price for our sin, for ALL sin, by suffering for us. And the best part, three days later, He ROSE again to fix that broken relationship once and for all.

So when you refuse to forgive your brother for stepping on your new Lego creation, or hold a grudge against the kid who didn't pick you for his team, it's like you're completely forgetting what God has done for you. You are forgiven. No matter what you do. And because you're forgiven, God is asking you to forgive others too. Not because it's easy or convenient. Not even because you want to. But because **YOU ARE FORGIVEN.**

LOOK for opportunities to forgive as you've been forgiven.

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Parent signature

Date

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There are additional resources that Pathway will be providing for you during this time at <https://pccfw.org/covid-19/>



DAY 4

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

This verse says, love "keeps no record of wrongs"? What does that really mean anyway?

It's like keeping a mental list of everything someone does that upsets you. Keeping a "record of wrongs" can be exhausting. And it's not really fair because YOU mess up too. In fact, you mess up enough to fill up a list of your own. A good friend ditches that mess up list and chooses to forgive and move on.

Is there someone you need to forgive? Tell God about it and ask Him to help you forgive your friend.

KNOW that the God wants you to be a good friend and forgive each other.

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