



## The Forgiven Forgive

*Sunday, April 19, 2020*



### PARENT TIPS

#### Things to keep in mind as you lead discussion with your kids:

- **Validate your children's feelings.** Their feelings are real and it's ok for them to feel fear.
- **Don't feel like you have to have all the answers.** (None of us do!) It's ok to say "I don't know. Let's try to find the answer together." It is also ok to sit in the unknown together.
- **To help your children better grasp the story, try reading it together from their Adventure Bible or another children's Bible. If this is not available, we recommend the [NIV](#) or [Nirv](#) versions available online.**

#### Bible Page Numbers

Matthew 18:21-35 – "The Servant Who Had No Mercy" Adventure Bible pg. 1188



### SERMON + WORSHIP

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set



## ACTIVITY OPTIONS

### **Activity Option 1: Forgiveness Starts With Me**

#### **What You Need:**

- Paper
- Marker/Crayons
- Band-aids

#### **What You Do:**

1. Ask your kids to think about a time when someone hurt their feelings in some way.
2. Have them draw a picture or write about that time on their piece of paper.
3. Ask them if they have forgiven that person for what they did. If the answer is yes, have them put an X over that picture/story.
4. Give each child two band-aids to place on their arms, legs, or wherever they choose.

#### **What You Say:**

These bandages remind us of those we haven't yet forgiven. It's true that the longer we wait to forgive someone, the harder and more painful it is for us. Jesus forgave all of our sins and He tells us to forgive those who sin against us.



For a sensory element for the activity above, consider having the kids use chalk or another textured medium to draw their picture. They can also add a design or stickers to their band-aids.



## **Activity Option 2: Unforgiveness Explodes!**

### **What You Need:**

- Sandwich size Ziploc bags
- Vinegar
- Warm water
- Baking soda
- Measuring cups, tissue

### **What You Say:**

Forgiving someone is like giving a gift to both the one who is forgiven and the one who is offering the forgiveness. Why is it important to forgive? First, we forgive because the Bible asks us to forgive. Second, we forgive over and over again because that is exactly what God does for us. When we don't forgive, it can be harmful to us. The hurt and anger grows, and we suffer. If you have unforgiveness in your heart, it's like bottling up your anger. Let's see what happens when we keep bottling it up.

### **What You Do:**

1. Add 1/4 cup warm water to a plastic Ziploc sandwich bag.
2. Vinegar is next. Add 1/2 cup of vinegar to the same bag.
3. Measure out 3 tsp of baking soda and dump that in the center of a tissue.
4. Fold up the tissue around the baking soda.
5. The explosion should be small, but please have kids use safety goggles if you are concerned.
6. Working quickly, drop the folded tissue into the bag and close it completely.
7. Step back.
8. If the reaction doesn't happen quickly, shake the bag to agitate it and start the chemical reaction.



## TALK ABOUT IT

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Why is it sometimes difficult to forgive someone who has caused you pain?
- Has someone else forgiven you for hurting him or her? Explain.
- How did it feel to be forgiven? How does it feel to forgive someone else?
- Remembering that Jesus has forgiven you, how does that help you forgive other people?



## PRAYER

### **Prayer:**

#### **What you say:**

Let's pray and talk to God.

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross so that we can have our sins forgiven.

Thank you for forgiving my sins. Please help me to forgive others as You've forgiven us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*(Memory Verse on the next page)*



## MEMORY VERSE

### **Memory Verse:**

**Parents:** We want to encourage you to spend time each week as a family memorizing a passage of Scripture. We have provided two different versions to choose from.

#### **Matthew 6:14 (NirV)**

Forgive people when they sin against you. If you do, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you.

#### **Matthew 6:14 (ESV)**

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.