



First, watch
this week's
video!

**Forgiveness:
Deciding that
someone who
has wronged
you doesn't
have to pay**

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, NIV

Bible Story

The Story of the
Lost Son
Luke 15:11-32

Key Question

When is it hard to ask for forgiveness?

Use this guide to help your kids learn why forgiveness is important.

Activity

Three Wishes

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Invite your kids to do an activity with you.

Say, "If you could wish for any three things right now, what would you wish for—and why? The only thing you can't wish for is more wishes."

Allow your kids to respond. Answer the same question for yourself!

Talk About the Bible Story

In the story Jesus told, there was a father who only had one wish. Do you remember what it was? (*For his son to return home*)

Are there some people in your life who are easier to forgive than others?

When is it hard to ask for forgiveness?

Why does God always forgive us?

How does it make you feel to know that God will always forgive you?

Leader: Give a kid-friendly example about a time when you chose to stay mad and refused to forgive. Maybe you were a kid and just wanted to stay mad. How does God's forgiveness encourage you to forgive others?



Prayer

"God, thank You for loving us, always. When there are times we mess up and do something wrong, help us make it right by saying we're sorry AND asking for forgiveness. Thank You for the way You always forgive us. Help us forgive others, too. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

Activity Time:

Complete the activity page.