



Please Forgive Me

Bible Story: Please Forgive Me (The Story of the Lost Son) • *Luke 15:11-24*

Bottom Line: Everyone needs to be forgiven.

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

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Activity #1- Bible Story

Parents, read through this week's Bible story with your child. This week we are learning about the story of the prodigal son found in Luke 15:11-24.

Activity #2- Memory Verse Hideaway

- Look up Colossians 3:13 and read it together.
- Gather several pieces of scraps of paper and have your child write 2-3 words from the verse on each piece of paper.
- When they finish, fold the papers in half and ask your child to cover their eyes as you hide the pieces of paper.
- Challenge your kids to find all of the pieces of paper and put them in verse order. Have them say the verse out loud once they are all in order.

Activity #3- Discussion Questions

You can discuss these questions with your child all in one sitting, or you can spread it out and ask your child one question each day. Feel free to modify the questions for your child's age if needed.

1. When has someone forgiven you and how did it make you feel?
2. What are some things that kids your age might need to be forgiven for?
3. How is forgiveness like a gift?
4. How is the father in the story of the prodigal son like God?
5. What does the story of the prodigal son teach us about forgiveness?

We would love to hear your feedback! Let us know if this is working for your family or how we can make improvements. Email greg@shoreline.church or lauren@shoreline.church.