

GLORY RESOURCES // FAMILIES

- WEEK ONE -

>SCRIPTURE: LUKE 15:11-32

Discussion Points:

- Do you think the father was hurt by his son?
- Can you think of a time when you hurt someone?
- Can you think of a time when you forgave someone?
- Can you think of a time when someone forgave you?
- Why is it hard to forgive?
- How does it feel to forgive someone?
- How does it feel to be forgiven?
- Does God forgive?

>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

>BIBLE STORY CRAFT:

Make the Father ready to embrace his son. Use the attached template below to make the head. Cut a long rectangle out of construction paper (each paper could make 3 lengthwise triangles). Then trace your kids' hands and then cut out. Glue together. Example attached. (*from meaningfulmama.com*)

>CONVERSATION STARTERS

- If you could be in any movie, what would it be?
- What makes you feel loved?
- If you could fly anywhere, where would you go?
- What is your favorite song and why?
- What are 3 things you like about yourself?

>AFFIRMATION:

Our kids need to be encouraged and lifted up just like we do. Let's focus this week on just reminding our kids how much you love them. Tell them “I love you.” as often as you think of it.

>FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Build a fort together and everyone pile in!
Use this time for fun conversation, board games, or a movie night.
- Go for a walk and collect nature treasures.
- Have a paper airplane challenge.
- Make a card for someone.
- Read together.

>PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

We encourage you to pray WITH your kids during your Bible study time, but also over them throughout the week. This week, pray that your children learn what it looks like to forgive and also how beautiful it is to be forgiven. Pray for their salvation, that they will know that God forgives them no matter what because he loves them. You may use the prayer below or pray as you feel led.

“God, Thank you that you offer forgiveness through Your Son, Jesus.
I pray that my child(ren) will come to know that forgiveness.
Speak Your love and kindness to their hearts even when they mess up.
Help me to model that forgiveness and speak it over them.
I pray that they will learn to forgive as well.
Teach them to soften towards others when they are hurt and not hold it against them, but to love as you love.
In Your mighty name, Amen.”

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COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

BOTTOM LINE

Everyone needs to be forgiven.

Use this guide to help your family stay connected, and to keep learning what God says about forgiveness.

First, read and discuss this week's Bible story. Then, follow up with the fun activities below!

ACTIVITY: STORY PROPS

WHAT YOU NEED: a pillowcase and as many of the following items as you can find (*let everyone help with gathering items*): coins/pretend coins/play money, backpack, sleeping bag, stuffed animal pig (or other barnyard-type animal), sandals or flip flops, pretend jewelry ring, robe

WHAT YOU DO: Put all of the items in a pillowcase. Have each family member take turns pulling an item out of the pillowcase and describing how that item fits into today's Bible story. Or if you're feeling super creative, use the items to ACT OUT the story with your family! If you have a family pet, let them play the part of the pigs! To guide you, the main story points are below:

- A father had two sons. The younger of the two sons asked his father for his share of the inheritance.
- The father gave the money to his son.
- The son packed up and left home for a faraway country.
- There, the son wasted all his money.
- The son became so hungry, he took a job caring for pigs.
- The son decided to return home and beg to be let back in as a servant.
- The father ran to meet him, gave him a hug, and gave him the best robe, a ring, and sandals for his feet.
- The father threw a huge party to welcome his son home.

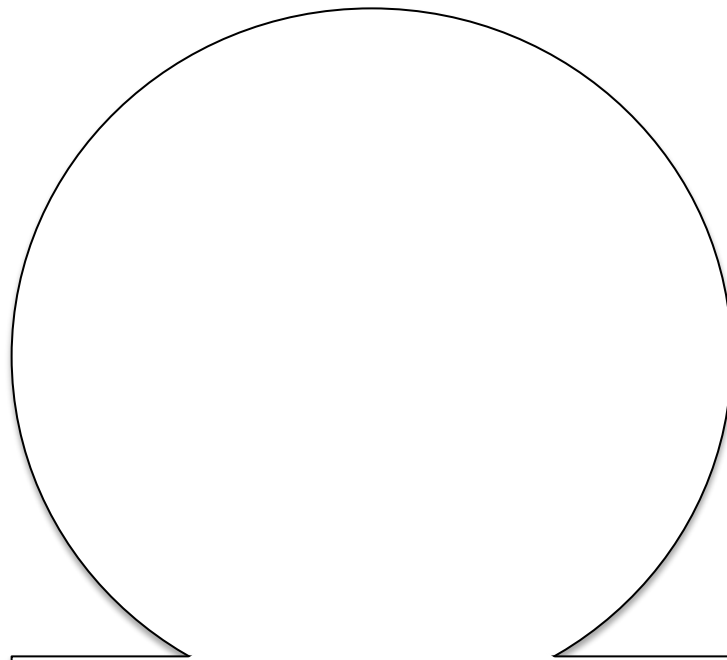
Ask your kids: Why do you think Jesus told this story? How does God, our heavenly Father, act like the father did in this story? (Adults, you can answer this question too!)

Tell your kids: It doesn't matter who you are or what you've done, **everyone needs to be forgiven!**

When you're finished, make cleanup a game. Divide the items evenly among all family members. Challenge everyone to see how quickly they can put their items back where they belong and return to the spot you're standing in now. Ready...GO!!!

PRAYER

"God, thank You for sending Jesus so that we could be forgiven! We know that at some point in life, EVERYONE needs to be forgiven. We don't want to stay angry or blow up and do something unkind. Help us to choose to forgive. Thank You for showing us how to do that. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



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