

# Work in Progress: Redo, Rewrite, Restore

Forgiveness is 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, NIRV

## Bible Story

### The Story of the Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgive others because God forgives you.



Weekly Cues



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# Elementary

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER

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## Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, point out a time when they were kind even when those around them may not have been.

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## Meal Time

At a meal, have everyone at the table answer this question: "Have you ever had a time when it was hard to forgive someone?"

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## Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "Who is the nicest person you know? What do you most admire about how they treat others?"

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## Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, thank You for forgiving us. Help us to follow your example and forgive others."

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Read: Matthew 6:14

DAY

1

## Seven Times

Peter thought he was doing pretty good when he forgave someone seven times. But God wanted him to forgive seven times, seven times, seven times, forever! Play a game that has you repeating an action seven times to help you remember this week's story. Do the following actions seven times! Jumping Jacks, spins, high-fives, crab walks, telling someone you love them. Now, keep having fun with your own ideas!

**KNOW** that God can help you forgive others.

DAY

2

## Others

Create a sign or poster to remind you to think about others. In big letters write OTHERS and draw pictures of some of your friends around the word. Display this picture in your room to remind you of who is important!

**LOOK** for others who need you to love them!

DAY

3

## I Forgive You

This week's verse talks about forgiving others like Jesus forgave you. Do you need to ask others or Jesus for forgiveness today? Think about this verse and if you need to, take an action after reading it.

**ASK** Jesus to forgive you and help you forgive others.

DAY

4

## Again?!

God asks us to forgive again and again. Can you think of anything that keeps you from forgiving? Pray and ask God to help you forgive again and again.

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 "Dear God, I pray that I can forgive others again and again. Sometimes it's so hard to forgive others! I pray that You can help me love them by forgiving them like You forgive me. Thank you for forgiving me, Amen."  
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**THANK** God for forgiving you again and again.

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## DAY 1

### Read Ephesians 4:32

Raise your hand if forgiveness is easy? Let's be honest. It's not easy to forgive someone that hurts you, even when they say they're sorry. But forgiveness can be easier when you remember one big truth. We don't forgive others because they ask for it. We forgive others because God forgives us.

When it comes to forgiveness, God went first! Jesus made a way for everyone who believes in Him to be forgiven.

Think about someone who might have hurt you this week. Are you still holding on to your anger? Take time to pray and ask God to help you replace that anger with kindness and forgiveness. Thank God for choosing to forgive you too.

## DAY 2

### Read Colossians 3:13

Today's verse gives us a plan for how we can think about others. Others might annoy us, but we get to choose how we respond. Instead of staying annoyed, we can choose to let it go.

#### Finish It

Finish each word of the verse with its correct ending from the box below. Use another sheet of paper if needed.

"P ..... u ..... wi ..... o ..... an ....."

For ..... on ..... anot ..... i ..... y ....."

a ..... hold ..... some ..... again ....."

some ..... ..Forgi ....., j ..... a ..... t ....."

L ..... for ..... yo ..... ." Colossians 3:13

e	ou	th	ing	ne
f	he	ve	give	ust
p	st	ord	gave	
s	re	one	thing	
u	ut	her	other	

DAY 3

### Read Luke 17:4

#### Multiples of Seven

In the space below, fill in the blank multiples of 7:

7 14 ..... 42 .....

..... 70 .....



When it comes to forgiveness, is there ever a limit?

If someone is consistently being unkind without apologizing or trying to change their behavior, then it's time find a trusted adult. But for everyday mistakes that most everyone makes, Jesus wants us to forgive. Why? Because God forgives us! God's forgiveness has no limits. If we mess up 7 times or 77 times, God will forgive. All we need to do is ask! So instead of keeping score this week, ask God to help you forgive.

DAY 4

### Read Psalm 130:3

Have you ever played a game of Taboo? In Taboo, if you say one of the words listed on the card, a fellow player gets to push the red buzzer. That annoying sound lets you and everyone else know that you messed up.

Imagine if God had a buzzer like that. What if God pushed it so that everyone could hear it every time you mess up?

Thankfully, that's not what God does with us. Instead of keeping track to punish us, God chooses to forgive us when we need it most. Because of Jesus, forgiveness is available to everyone.

The next time you do something wrong and you need forgiveness, think about that annoying buzzer sound. Be honest with God about what you've done and be thankful God forgives you.

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