

Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

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.

Forgive others because God forgives you.



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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.

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L for yo" Colossians 3:13

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DAY 3

Read Luke 17:4

Multiples of Seven

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

7 14 42

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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.

**Forgive others because
God forgives you.**

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

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Week Three
4th-5th



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

Watch this week's episode of
The So & So Show by going to:
<https://bit.ly/PreteenSundaysatHome>

2. You learned:

Even if you already saw it at church,
feel free to check it out again!

3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Forgiveness.

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everyday faith.

Day 2

Read **Matthew 18:21-35**

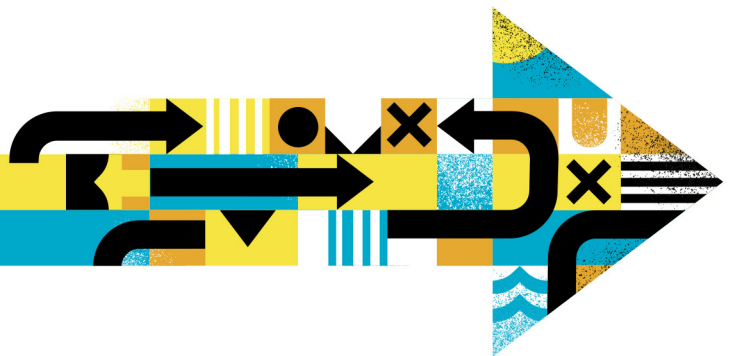
As you read Matthew 18:21-30, circle every number that is mentioned. There are a lot of numbers in this short passage, aren't there?

Continue reading Matthew 18:31-35. Notice there aren't any numbers, but there is one word that does indicate an amount. Do you know what it is?

It's in the second half of verse 32: 'I forgive all that you owed me because you begged me to.' (NIRV)

Instead of keeping score, the king had forgiven all.

God doesn't keep score with us either! God forgives us of all our sin!



Day 3

Have you ever apologized to someone, but you didn't really mean it?

Or accepted someone's apology because you felt like you had to, but it wasn't something you truly felt? Sometimes it can be hard to forgive from our hearts.

Thankfully, God wants to help us with that! We can ask God to soften our hearts toward the person who we need to forgive, and to give us the strength to really forgive them. Personalize this prayer using the name of someone you know you need to forgive. If there's no one that you feel you need to forgive right now, ask God to give you a forgiving heart.

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"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be my Savior so I could be forgiven. I know that I need to forgive others too, including \_\_\_\_\_, so I need your help. Please soften my heart toward \_\_\_\_\_ and give me the strength and humility to truly forgive \_\_\_\_\_ from my heart.

In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen."

## Day 4

**Yesterday you asked God to help you forgive others because God forgives you.**

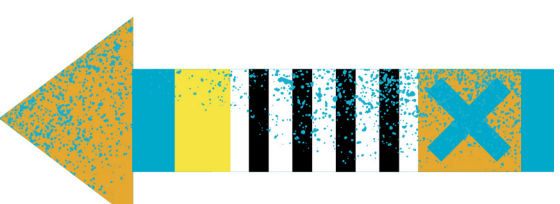
Look back at that prayer you wrote yesterday and the person you need to forgive. Can you talk to that person and tell them that you forgive them? Make a plan to talk to that person today!

Where:

When:

How: (What do you plan to say?)

If it's not possible to talk to that person for any reason, who can you talk to about the situation that will understand and help you? Reach out to a caring, trusted adult or friend. Ask them for some advice for how you can show forgiveness to this person.



## Day 5

**What keeps you from forgiving?**

Think about something someone did to you that hurt you. Something that made you mad or sad. Clench your fists as you think about how they hurt you.

When someone does something to you, you have a choice. Sure, you can clench your fists and hold tightly to the anger and hurt, but notice how uncomfortable that is. It doesn't feel like something you'd like to do forever, does it?

Your other choice is to remember how God forgave you, and how God opened up and let go of the wrong things you've done. Think about how God forgave you and slowly open your hands. Feel the release that comes from forgiving.

Write FORGIVE on the palm of your hand. Whenever you see it today, remember that you can open your hands to forgive others because God forgave you first.