

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

Read: James 5:16

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1

## Please, May I?

Play a game of "Please, May I" Take turns being the person who asks to take the steps.

For example: "Please, may I take 3 baby steps?" or "Please, may I take 5 giant steps?"

**KNOW that sometimes asking for things is hard but asking for forgiveness from Jesus is easy.**



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3

## Pray!

Read James 5:16 this week. Talk through what it means to say sorry for the things you did that were wrong. Pray and ask God for help to say sorry!

**LOOK for ways that you can pray for others!**

DAY  
2

## Sorry!

Is there someone in your life you need to ask for forgiveness? Maybe a sibling that you yelled at this morning or a friend you didn't share with? Draw them a picture or write them a note to tell them that you are sorry.

**ASK God to help you ask for forgiveness when you need to.**



DAY  
4

## Forgiveness for Me and You!

Pray and ask God to help you see when you need to ask for forgiveness. Feel free to say your own prayer or pray something like this:

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 "Dear God, I pray that I can know when I need to ask for forgiveness from others and from You. Allow me chances to see what I can do for others. I love you, Amen."  
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**THINK about praying for yourself and others when you need to forgive and be forgiven.**

Everyone needs forgiveness.



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## DAY 1

### Read Psalm 32:1

This month is all about forgiveness, deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay. That's way easier to say than it is to do! When someone hurts us, we want to get even.

There's only one problem: everyone needs forgiveness, including you. No one is perfect. We all mess up and do things that hurt others and ourselves.

When we are honest about how we've messed up, Jesus will forgive us. He covers our sins or mess ups. He takes them away. Everyone needs forgiveness and thankfully, God's forgiveness comes in an unlimited supply.

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### Wipe the Slate Clean

Grab a dry erase marker and find a mirror where you live. Do you need forgiveness? Draw a picture or write down what you've done on the mirror. Be honest, tell God about what happened, and ask for forgiveness. Use a tissue to wipe the "slate" (mirror) clean.

## DAY 2

### Read Ephesians 2:4-5

With an adult's permission, head outside and find a patch of dirt. Take a moment to dig around in it. What do you see? Maybe you see new sprouts of life starting to grow—like some grass or even a flower or two! It's amazing to think that God creates such beautiful plants and flowers from seeds in the dirt. Every spring, God creates new life all around us.

God does the same thing in our life too! Because of Jesus, God gives us new life! Even though we might mess up, God makes something beautiful out of our lives. God's love for us is amazing!

DAY 3

### Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

Remember all that dirt yesterday? Take out a sheet of paper and something to draw with, like crayons or markers. Take a moment to draw a scene from a garden: dirt, flowers, sunshine, and sky! Make it super colorful and full of life!

Above your drawing write the phrase: "I am a new creation!" Hang up your drawing somewhere you'll see it before you head out for school each morning.

Because of Jesus, we can be new creations! God's forgiveness is so great! All we need to do is ask, and God will forgive us! When we remember that we're a new creation because of Jesus, it completely changes how we see the world around us. We can trust that God will help us make the wise choice and live like Jesus!

DAY 4

### Read Luke 5:30-32

#### Measure Up

Grab a ruler or tape measure and five random objects from around the house. On a piece of paper, write down how tall you think each item is. Then measure the items to see if your guess was correct. Do you know how tall you are? If not, ask an adult to measure you. How many of these items would it take to measure up to you?

Today's verse reminds us that no matter how "good" we are, no matter how hard we try to do the right thing, we can never measure up to God's goodness. And it's not just you that doesn't measure up. Everyone doesn't measure up.

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Everyone includes every single person. We all need forgiveness. That's why God sent Jesus. Jesus made a way for all to be forgiven. On the counter in your kitchen, stack the items on top of each other as best you can. As you pass them this week, be reminded that we don't have to measure up to be forgiven.

Everyone needs forgiveness.



## Day 2

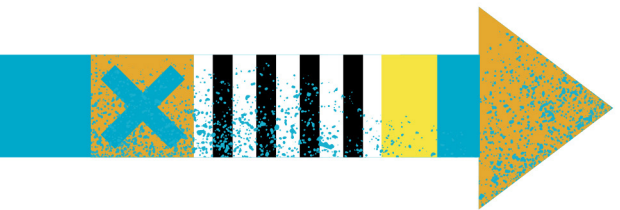
Read Luke 7:36-50

Get a sheet of blank paper and draw a line down the middle. On the top left of the paper, write “What others said about the woman.” On the top right, write “What Jesus said about the women.” As you read through Luke 7:36-50, make notes in the appropriate column as to how the woman is described.

Turn the sheet over and draw a line down the middle. On top of the list, write “What Simon didn’t do” on the left, and “What the woman does” on the right. As you continue reading the passage, take notes of the different actions that Simon and the women take.

Lastly, circle the great news that Jesus has for the woman at the end of the passage.

No matter what others said or did, Jesus saw this woman as forgiven!



## Day 4

Is there someone you need to apologize to, or someone you need to forgive, even if they haven’t asked?

It can take courage to ask for forgiveness, so before you reach out to ask, find a friend or family member. Ask them to pray for you as you ask for forgiveness. Have them check back in with you later to see how things went.

If you need to forgive someone, then ask that person to pray for you to be able to forgive—especially if the person hasn’t even asked you to forgive them. Remember, forgiving someone may not happen right away; but keep this in mind: **Everyone needs forgiveness.**



## Day 3

Before you pray today, track down something that smells good like perfume or air freshener.

Spray some to make the room smell nice. Imagine that you’re really using expensive perfume—like the one the woman in Luke 7 used.

Think on the woman who used expensive perfume to show Jesus how much she loved Him. Jesus forgave her for everything she had done wrong. Take a moment and read the following prayer out loud:

“Dear God, thank You for loving me so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be my Savior. I know I am not perfect, and I have messed up a lot. But Jesus is perfect, and because of His life and death, I can be forgiven. Thank You for Your forgiveness that is always waiting for me. I love You. In Jesus’ Name, I pray. Amen.”

## Day 5

Can you imagine how the woman who poured perfume on Jesus’ feet must have felt when He told her she was forgiven?

Think of one of the meanest things anyone has ever done to you—something you had to work hard to forgive.

How do you think it made the person feel to be forgiven? Circle any of the emojis that you think apply.



What does it feel like to be forgiven for you? Circle any emojis that apply to you when someone forgives you!

