

Theme

FORGIVING like Jesus

Memory Verse

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 1 John 2:1

Bible Verses

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. " 1 John 2:1-2

Big Idea

Why is FORGIVING like Jesus important?

Dear Parents:

Forgiveness was the theme this week! Sometimes kids find it easier to forgive than adults do! Forgiveness is something we start teaching our kids at a young age, because we can all understand what it feels like to be hurt by someone.

Forgiveness is something that is so easy to talk about, but really hard to actually do. For kids, we start with the importance of obedience before understanding. We don't always understand completely how forgiveness works, or even why we need to forgive, but actually saying the words out loud and keeping them from getting revenge is the first steps in the lifelong lesson of practicing forgiveness.

Share your own personal stories of how you've been hurt and had to forgive. Use everyday events like someone cutting you off on the road or a mistake at a restaurant or even times when you have to break a promise you made to your child to talk through forgiveness. We forgive our children, and sometimes our children have to forgive us! When offenses happen in a family, use those as starting points to talk about forgiveness and healing.

Challenge: ways your child can FORGIVE this week:

- Write some sins that you have committed on the rocks below, or write some sins that you are angry at someone else about on that rock. Instead of throwing those rocks: drop them at Jesus feet. He will take care of it all for you. Pray about the things you wrote on your rocks.
- Forgive someone today. Don't just say, "It's OK" or "No problem!" Actually say, "I forgive you."

