

Journey Kids Club

JKTV Episode 29



Jesus taught us that we need to forgive, and then forgive again, and forgive again! There is no limit to how many times he forgives us and we shouldn't have a limit either.

This episode's Bible story is from Luke 15:11-31 and 17:1-4. The Big Idea is: **Follow Jesus by forgiving.** We are always grateful when someone forgives us but can we turn around and forgive others? It's not easy! But we don't have to do it alone. We have Jesus to help us.

Activity 1: How Hard is it to Forgive?

Supplies: (provided) forgiving scenarios

Talk about it:

- Can you think of a time that you had to forgive someone? What was it for?
- Can you remember when someone had to forgive you? How did it feel when they forgave you?
- How many times do we have to forgive someone? (Jesus said 70 x 7 but that is a way of saying there is no limit)

Instructions:

- Say that you're going to read a scenario where your child will have to imagine themselves forgiving someone else. Have them rate it on a scale of one (super easy to forgive) to ten (impossible to forgive) how hard it would be to forgive in that situation.
- Direct the kids to show the number they choose using their fingers.
- Before moving on to the next sign, discuss why it would be easier or more difficult for them to forgive that thing.
- After going through the scenarios, say the Big Idea together: **Follow Jesus by forgiving!**

Activity 2: Memory Verse Activity "Father, may your name be honoured. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted." | Luke 11:2-4 (NIRV)

Parent Tip: You've been practicing this verse all month, see if you child can say it first without you reading it together.

Instructions:

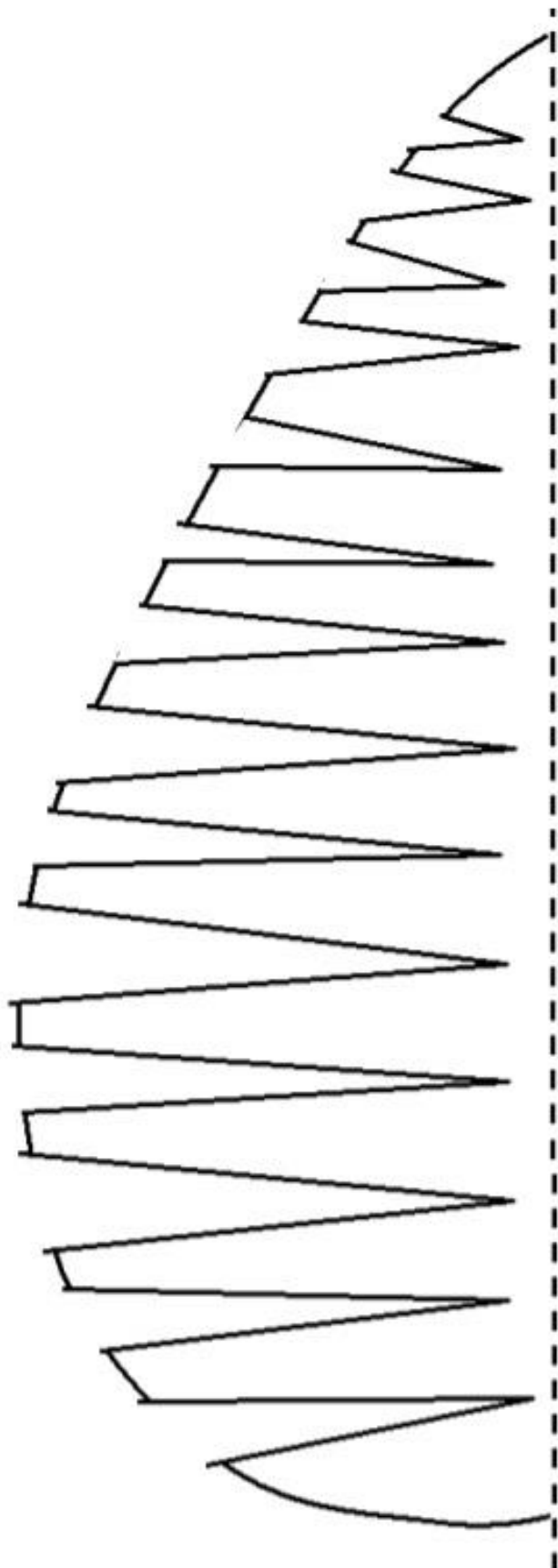
- Say the memory verse together
- Ask your child to help you come up with some actions that go with each sentence/phrase.
- Repeat it a few times with the actions.

Activity 3: How will I Forgive?

The PRODIGAL SON



“ LUKE 15:11-32 ”



Paper Palm Leaf

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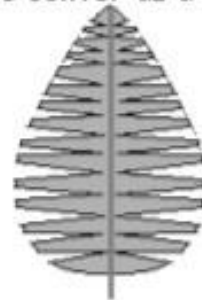
Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.



Scenarios

A friend borrowed your favourite book. While reading it in the bathtub, they dropped it in the water.

You're about to get in trouble with your parents. You blame a friend who gets in bigger trouble with their parents.

During a basketball game, your friend accidentally elbowed you in the face and broke your nose.

A friend talked about you behind your back and made fun of your new haircut.

Some friends are playing video games. One of them loses and tosses the controller down so hard it breaks.

Supplies: (Provided) Colouring sheet of prodigal son, (from home) Bibles or smart device with a Bible app on it. You will need enough for each person to use, markers/pencil crayons

Instructions:

- Say, When we tell God we're sorry, he doesn't wait to forgive us. He loves us that much! He wants others to receive that same forgiveness from us.
- Have each person take a Bible or open a Bible app on a smart device.
- Explain that you will say a Bible reference and everyone will race to look it up. The first one who finds it will stand (or sit) and read it.
 - Look up: Ephesians 4:31-32
 - Discuss: What does "just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done" mean? What did Christ do? Do you think it's a sin if we don't forgive someone who apologizes to us? Why or why not?
 - Look up: Colossians 3:12-14
 - Discuss: What stands out to you in this passage? What do these verses say about forgiveness?
- Say the Big Idea together: **Follow Jesus by forgiving!**
- Give your child the colouring sheet and as they colour, talk about the story together.

Activity 4: Pray together

Supplies: (from home) stickers or a washable marker

Instructions:

- Say, "In today's God Story, Jesus told his disciples that even if someone sins against them seven times a day, they should forgive each time. Did you know that doctors think forgiveness is healthy for us? Holding a grudge or not forgiving someone can be dangerous to your health! Jesus knew this."
- Place the stickers on the floor (if using them). Explain that each of the stickers represents something that someone else is doing to anger, hurt, or annoy that person. Remind them that not forgiving is painful to us!
- Put the stickers on yourself (or use the washable marker and make dots on your arms/hands. Pretend the stickers are painful when you put them on.
- Say, "If I do something [put a sticker on your child's arm] to upset you, it may take some time for you to forgive me. If I ask for forgiveness, it may make it easier for you to forgive me. [Have them take off the sticker.]
- However, if we all keep doing things to anger, hurt, or annoy each other and don't ask for forgiveness, it hurts. The more we hold onto grudges and don't forgive people, the more it hurts."
- Take off the stickers (or wipe off the dots).
- Say, "God forgives all of our sins and he asks us to forgive others. Let's take a quiet moment to close our eyes and think about whether there's anyone we need to forgive or anyone we need to ask for forgiveness."
- After about 20 seconds, pray, "Dear God, please help us forgive others the way you forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

Activity 5: Getting Ready for Jesus!

Supplies: (provided) Palm Leaf Activity Sheet, (from home) Bible, scissors, markers (optional)
green construction paper, pipe cleaner

Instructions:

- Say: Palm Sunday is a day we remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem like a king. Jesus is a king but not a political ruler like the people thought.
- Read the story in Luke 19:28-40 in a Bible or Bible App (you may want to watch a short video of the story on YouTube: search Palm Sunday Crossroads)
- Using the activity sheet, cut out one or more palm leaves. Write words of praise to Jesus on them.
- Then sing a praise song (or play one in a music app) and wave your palm branches to praise Jesus.