

BIG IDEA-

**WHEN YOU DON'T FORGIVE,  
YOU MISS OUT.**

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### **BIBLE STORY**

FATHER AND OLDER  
BROTHER  
LUKE 15:21-32

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### **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

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### **BIG WORD**

FORGIVENESS—  
DECIDING THAT  
SOMEONE WHO HAS  
WRONGED YOU  
DOESN'T HAVE TO PAY.

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### **4TH-5TH QUESTION.**

WHAT DO YOU LOSE IF  
YOU DON'T FORGIVE?

## **PARENT NOTE:**

**HEY PARENTS! WE ARE SO  
EXCITED TO BRING YOU  
KIDSPPOINT ONLINE!**

**TO THE LEFT YOU WILL SEE THE  
STORY, BIG IDEA, MEMORY  
VERSE, BIG WORD, AND BASIC  
TRUTH.**

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE  
ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO WITH  
YOUR CHILD THAT WILL HELP  
REINFORCE WHAT THEY LEARN**

## **ACTIVITIES**

- GAME: TIC TAC TOE
- CONVERSATION STARTERS
- MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY
- PRAYER



# BEFORE THE BIBLE STORY GAME

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## TIC TAC TOE

WHAT YOU NEED: PAPER, PEN

WHAT YOU DO:

- Have your child draw a tic-tac-toe board on a piece of paper.
- Play tic-tac-toe with your child. *(you can bring in your whole family, have everyone in the family pair up and play!)*
- Whoever LOSES from the pairs stays in the tournament to go on to the next round.
- Continue for subsequent rounds, advancing only the losers each time until you have a final "winner."

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Normally you want to win at tic-tac-toe. But in this game losing was the goal. In the Bible story today, you will hear about an older brother who lost out on something really awesome because he refused to forgive."

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## CONVERSATION STARTERS

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR 1ST-3RD GRADERS:

- How did the father react when his son returned? (*Answer: He forgave him and threw a huge party to celebrate his son's return*)
- How did the older brother react when he found out that the party was for his younger brother who'd returned home? (*Answer: He was angry*)
- Why do you think the older brother was SO mad? Can you relate to this?

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR 4TH-5TH GRADERS:

- What can it cost you to hold a grudge? For example, what might you miss out on if you decided to hold a grudge and not forgive a person.
- What if a person says something unkind to you and they never say they are sorry? Do you still forgive them? Do you only forgive someone if they ask you?
- Is forgiveness always fair? How does it make you feel when it's not fair?

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## MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: BIBLE/ONLINE, STUFFED ANIMAL

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up the verse in the Bible/online with your child. Have them read the verse out loud if they are able to. If not, read it for them.
- Have your child go grab their favorite stuffed animal.
- Toss the stuffed animal to each member of the family. Every time someone in the family catches the stuffy, say a word of the verse. (in order)
- Make sure you don't drop the stuffed animal!:)

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, NIV

## REFLECT AND PRAY

WHAT YOU DO:

- Close with the prayer below (ask your child if they have any prayer requests and if they would like to pray before you)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for always offering forgiveness to us, just like the father in this story Jesus told. When we feel like holding onto anger like the older brother, would you please help us choose to forgive instead? We definitely need Your help to do that. We love and trust You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."