

# Joseph forgives his brothers

Hello Mom and Dad

As a people, we have waded through waters of uncertainty and distress in this year of rampant trials. Various social ills have surfaced during the Lockdown, showing the crumbling fibre of our society. Countless people have been hurt and these gross injustices speak to our need for forgiveness and similarly our need to forgive others.

This week we aim to empower each child to understand the beauty and power of forgiveness. We will look at our need for forgiveness and also God's requirements for us to enjoy the benefit of being pardoned from sin. Our example from the Bible is Joseph. He learned to forgive his brothers for their neglect of him and selling him to slavery.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To teach kids to ask for forgiveness
- To teach kids to forgive others

To start your time together, we encourage you to thank the Lord out loud for His goodness and faithfulness. Ask each person what they are thankful for. Help each child indicate by making examples such as, "I am thankful to the Lord for His protection and for giving us food every day." Allow time for each child to state their thanksgiving. We have put together a selection of songs you may use as you launch into the lesson.

We are thankful for God's unending grace in Jesus.

We are cheering you on!

With love,  
3CKids Team



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## What to prepare:

- Summarize Genesis 42-50
- Matthew 6: 9-15
- Matthew 18: 21-22



## Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU\\_x4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4) **(Send Your Rain)**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io> **(First)**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s> **(I will go)**

## Memory verse:

Matthew 6:12



**"and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us."**

## Declaration for the week:

***I forgive everyone everything every time***



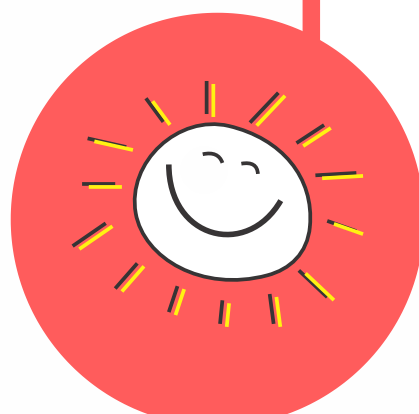
## Activity Sheet

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity – Find the path
- Activity – Match the animal
- Activity – Match the words
- Activity – Colouring

## Fitness Fun

There's an exercise for each day of the week. Join in the fun with the whole family.



## Lesson Time

**Opening Activity:** Stand or sit (Get all the kids to stand or sit at one of these options)

Stand or Sit

- Stand if you like carrots **OR** Sit if you do not like carrots
- Stand if you have been on an airplane **OR** Sit if you have not been on an airplane
- Stand if you like to read **OR** Sit if you do not like to read
- Stand if you lost one or more teeth **OR** Sit if you have not lost any teeth
- Stand if you prefer white chocolate **OR** Sit if you prefer brown chocolate
- Stand if you sleep late **OR** Sit if you wake up early
- Stand if you prefer dogs **OR** Sit if you prefer cats

Say: Today we are going to learn about the beauty and power of forgiveness. God wants us to prefer and desire His way of doing things. Forgiveness is God's way of doing things. This is very important to God and so it is important for us.

Pray with me: Father God, thank You so much that we are able to get together and learn about You. We pray that You open our hearts to hear what You want to teach us about forgiveness today. We love You. In Jesus name. Amen.

Repeat the declaration: I forgive everyone everything every time

Say: Have you ever done something wrong? *(let kids acknowledge)*

Sometimes we do things that are wrong. *(Let kids give examples of wrong things we can do).* We are not kind to our parents, sometimes we take cookies without asking and sometimes we do not play nicely with others. When we do something wrong it is called sin and when we sin, we need to ask Jesus to forgive us. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, He always washes away our sin and makes our hearts clean. God does not only want to forgive us but He wants us to forgive others, just like Joseph did.

Say: Does anyone know who Joseph's dad and Joseph's brothers were? *(let the kids answer)*

Jacob was Joseph's dad. Joseph was one of twelve sons of Jacob. Joseph's brothers threw him down an empty well and then sold him as a slave. The brothers then told their dad Jacob that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal. Do you think that was the right thing to do? *(let the kids answer)* It was wrong for Joseph's brothers to sell him and lie about him.

*(summarize the story from Genesis 42-50 – **do not read the story**)*

Joseph had to forgive his brothers for all they did for him. Do you think it was easy for him to forgive? *(let the kids answer).*

Say: What does it mean to forgive? *(Let the kids answer)*

Forgiveness means we let go of what people have done to us and do not hold a grudge against other people. Sometimes our friends and family can do things we do not like and although these things make us sad, we must learn to forgive them.

Read: Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven times. Matthew 18:21-22. How many times? *(Let the kids answer)* How big is that number? *(Have children count up to seventy all together.)*





When Jesus told Peter to forgive 'seventy times seven' times, he was saying we have to forgive a lot. This means that we can keep forgiving people even when they keep hurting our feelings. Forgiveness helps us to be happy and be free from anger. We forgive others not just once or even seventy times seven times but countless times because we know what God has done for us. When we remember how much God forgives us, we can forgive everyone everything every time.

Repeat memory verse: Matthew 6:12

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Repeat declaration: I forgive everyone everything every time

Application:

Say: Think of things that you have done wrong that you need God to forgive you from.

Pray after me: "Father God, thank You for loving me and sending Jesus to die on the cross for me. Please forgive me my sin and cleanse me from all the wrong I have done. In Jesus name, Amen."

Say: Jesus helps us to forgive others. Think of people who have done wrong things to you and choose today to forgive them.

Pray after me: "Father God, thank You for reminding me that I am just like Jesus and I can forgive others too. Today I choose to forgive all those who have hurt me and said bad things about me. I will not hold a grudge as You help me forgive. In Jesus name, Amen."

Declare what the blood of Jesus has done for us. Let's say it together:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me from sin.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified, and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

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### **Devotion plans:**

You are welcome to use the devotions that accompany the lessons throughout the week to help each child connect to the Word daily. The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion.

Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the script to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

