

# DIY

## FORGIVENESS IS UP TO YOU

### WEEK ONE

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Unmerciful Servant

#### ASK THIS:

Why does forgiveness matter?

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### WEEK TWO

LUKE 19:1-10

Zacchaeus

#### ASK THIS:

What does it feel like to be forgiven?

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### WEEK THREE

MATTHEW 5:1-2; 23-24

Jesus Teaches on Forgiveness

#### ASK THIS:

What is keeping you from forgiving?

**FORGIVENESS:**  
DECIDING THAT SOMEONE  
WHO HAS WRONGED YOU  
DOESN'T HAVE TO PAY

### WEEK FOUR

LUKE 15:11-24

The Story of the Lost Son

#### ASK THIS:

When has someone forgiven you?

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### WEEK FIVE

LUKE 15:21-32

Father and Older Brother

#### ASK THIS:

What do you lose if you don't forgive?



### REMEMBER THIS:

"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

## DO THIS:



### MORNING TIME

Write Colossians 3:13 on a note and place in your preteen's school folder, lunchbox, or on the refrigerator. Encourage them to memorize it and if they do, maybe grab a special treat with them to celebrate the importance of forgiveness.



### DRIVE TIME

While in the car, ask your preteen, "Is there anything that is keeping you from forgiving someone?" Try to talk through it; what happened, why it's hard to forgive, and then how we can lose when we choose to not forgive someone. Tell about a time you had to choose forgiveness even when you didn't want to.



### MEAL TIME

Q&A for Parents: What's the biggest restoration project (e.g. room makeover, house flip, etc.) you've ever taken on?

Q&A for Kids: What's the biggest thing someone's ever forgiven you for doing? How did you feel before and after?



### BED TIME

God says that loving others means making the first move. Whether you need to be forgiven or whether you need to forgive, if something is wrong between you and someone else, you need to take a step to make things right. You might even say that choosing to make peace with others through forgiveness is one of the best gifts you can give God! Pray that God will help you make the first move to forgive.