

Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

DAY 1

Read Ephesians 4:32

Raise your hand if forgiveness is easy? Let's be honest. It's not easy to forgive someone that hurts you, even when they say they're sorry. But forgiveness can be easier when you remember one big truth. We don't forgive others because they ask for it. We forgive others because God forgives us.

When it comes to forgiveness, God went first! Jesus made a way for everyone who believes in Him to be forgiven.

Think about someone who might have hurt you this week. Are you still holding on to your anger? Take time to pray and ask God to help you replace that anger with kindness and forgiveness. Thank God for choosing to forgive you too.

DAY 2

Read Colossians 3:13

Today's verse gives us a plan for how we can think about others. Others might annoy us, but we get to choose how we respond. Instead of staying annoyed, we can choose to let it go.

Finish It

Finish each word of the verse with its correct ending from the box below. Use another sheet of paper if needed.

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DAY 3

Read Luke 17:4

Multiples of Seven

In the space below, fill in the blank multiples of 7:

7 14 42
..... 70



When it comes to forgiveness, is there ever a limit?

If someone is consistently being unkind without apologizing or trying to change their behavior, then it's time find a trusted adult. But for everyday mistakes that most everyone makes, Jesus wants us to forgive. Why? Because God forgives us! God's forgiveness has no limits. If we mess up 7 times or 77 times, God will forgive. All we need to do is ask! So instead of keeping score this week, ask God to help you forgive.

DAY 4

Read Psalm 130:3

Have you ever played a game of Taboo? In Taboo, if you say one of the words listed on the card, a fellow player gets to push the red buzzer. That annoying sound lets you and everyone else know that you messed up.

Imagine if God had a buzzer like that. What if God pushed it so that everyone could hear it every time you mess up?

Thankfully, that's not what God does with us. Instead of keeping track to punish us, God chooses to forgive us when we need it most. Because of Jesus, forgiveness is available to everyone.

The next time you do something wrong and you need forgiveness, think about that annoying buzzer sound. Be honest with God about what you've done and be thankful God forgives you.

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God forgives you.

Work in Progress: Redo, Rewrite, Restore

Use this guide to help your family learn why forgiveness is important.

First, watch
this week's
video!

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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, NIV

Bible Story

The Story of the Unmerciful Servant
Matthew 18:21-35

Bottom Line

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Activity

Think Fast!

What You Need:

Smartphone or timer

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game with you. Say, "I'm going to set a timer for one minute. I'll ask you a bunch of questions super-fast. Answer them as quickly as you can!"

Set a timer for one minute, and start the timer as soon as you say the first question.

- How many seconds are there in one minute? (60)
- How many fingers are on one hand? (five)
- How many meals do you eat in one day? (three; this can vary depending on family styles)
- How many days are there in a week? (seven)
- How many toes are on BOTH feet? (10)
- How many letters are there in the alphabet? (26)
- How many worms can you eat before you get sick? (Any answer will work; have fun with this one!)

When you're finished, say, "That was some very quick thinking. Great job. Those 'how many' questions came SUPER-fast!"

In our Bible story today, Peter asked Jesus a 'how many' question, and it was REALLY important. Do you remember what it was? ("Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?") And how did Jesus respond? ("I tell you, not seven times, but 77 times.") Basically, Jesus was saying that we should forgive as many times as it takes!"

Talk About the Bible Story

We know that God forgives us no matter what. How should that affect the way we choose to forgive others?

What keeps you from forgiving? When is it difficult to forgive?

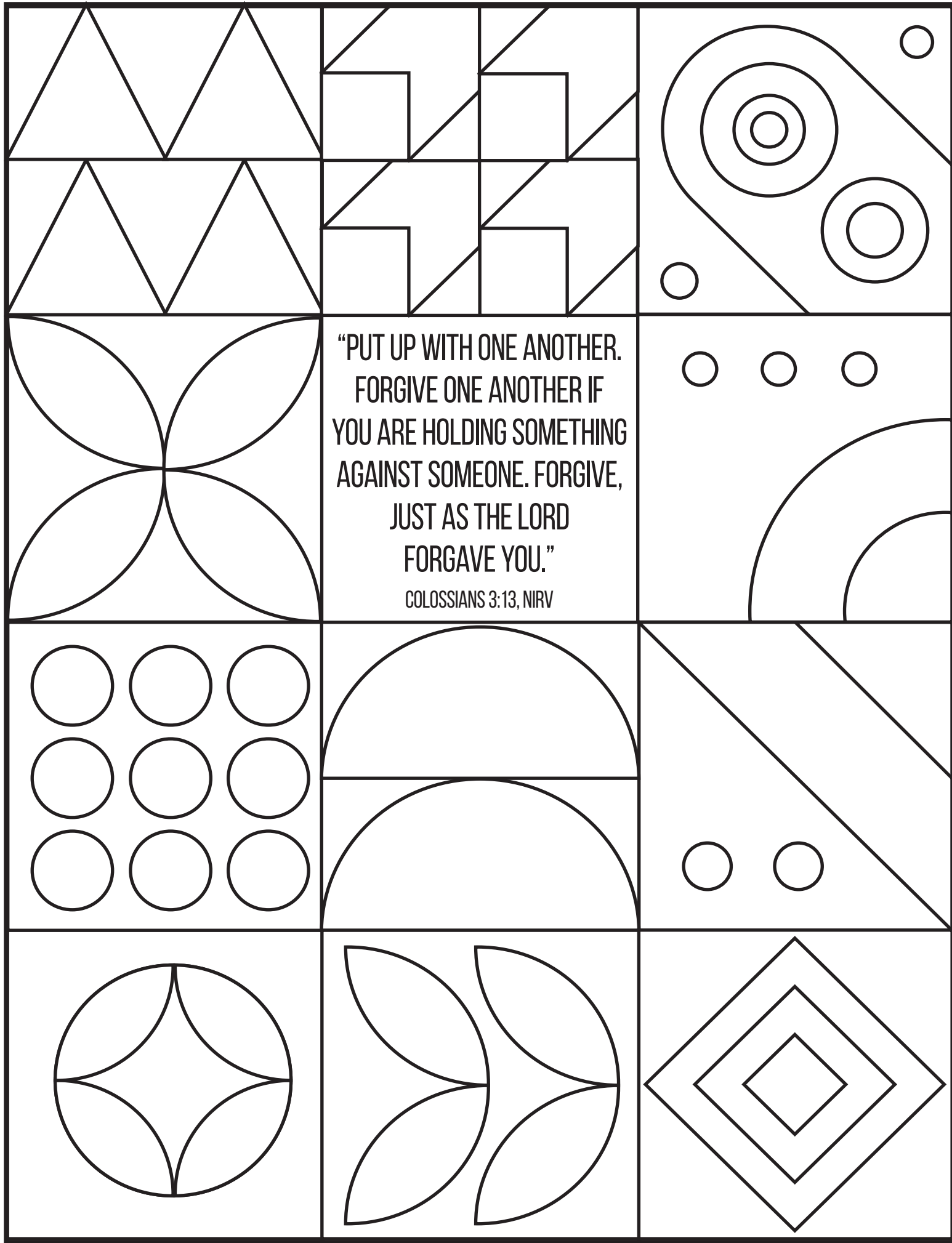
When we know we need to forgive someone, but we don't feel like forgiving, what can we do?

Parent: Share about a time you chose to forgive someone when you did NOT feel like forgiving. What happened? Talk about how your understanding of God's forgiveness for you helped you choose to forgive, even when it was hard.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for choosing to love us, no matter what. We want to forgive others because YOU forgive us. Will You help us forgive because You've forgiven us? We need Your help for sure. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us Your forgiveness and love. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



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COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIRV

MARCH 19 – WORD SEARCH

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Y R F N N J C A O N D W Y Q C A W X

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally,
backwards & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

FORGIVENESS
LOVE
GOD
KINGDOM

FORCE
GOODNESS
JESUS
CHANGE

EVERYONE
HOLY
SPIRIT