



First, watch this week's video on KC Youtube Channel!

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**Forgiveness:
Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay**

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

Zacchaeus
Luke 19:1-10

Key Question

When has someone forgiven you?

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

Activity

Zacchaeus Remix

What You Need:

Bible or Bible app

What You Do:

Ask your child to look up the Scripture for the Bible story today: Luke 19:1-10. Ask them to read it aloud.

Then take turns going back and forth, trying to retell the Bible story with as much detail as possible, one sentence at a time. See if you can make it through Zacchaeus' entire story without having to look back at the Scripture.

When you're finished, use the next section to guide you as you talk about today's story and what it means for our lives today.

Talk About the Bible Story

What did Jesus offer Zacchaeus in our story today? (*forgiveness, love, acceptance*)

When has someone forgiven you?

Has anyone ever asked for your forgiveness? How did you respond?

What would it look like for forgiveness to change someone?

Do you think it's more difficult to receive forgiveness, or to forgive someone else? Why?

Parent: Share about a time when someone forgave you and it changed you. Maybe, as a kid, you said something hurtful to your sibling. How did your sibling's willingness to forgive you change the way you treated them later?



Prayer

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

"God, thank You for the way You always forgive us. Thank You for reminding us how important it is to forgive others, because we know forgiveness can help people change. Please help us forgive people who have hurt us or let us down. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."