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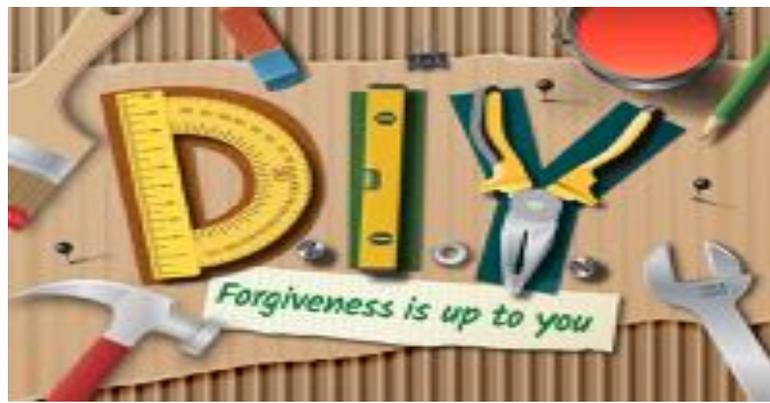
Elementary: K - 5th

Bible Story

**Please forgive me**

The Lost Son

Luke 15: 11-24



### Fort Building Competition

#### FAMILY CHALLENGE

It's time for a challenge! Can your family make the best fort? Bust out the sheets and clothes pins and make the most epic fort your family can!

Don't forget to take a picture and show us: tag us in your story @parkchruchnj

### Activity: Complete the verse

*What you'll need: Bible, Memory Verse*

Look up the memory verse in the Bible with your kids and then review the memory verse by play a fun game of complete the verse! Here is what you'll do:

- Say "PUT UP WITH" and pause to have kids say the next three words, this will last until you get to Colossians 3:13
- Continue the game by switching the words you leave out.

### 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**

**PRAYER:** Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus so that we could be forgiven! We don't want to stay angry and blow up and do something unkind. Help us to let it go and choose to forgive. Thank you for showing us how to do that. We love you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

### Activity: Balancing Act

*What you'll need: Painters tape*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Take turns walking on the lines and trying to balance without touching the floor where there's no tape.
- After everyone has had a turn, make it harder by challenging them to hop on one foot or jump along the lines.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was hard balancing on the lines. Sometimes you fell of or made a mistake. You and I make mistakes all the time - every day - just like the son in our story today made mistakes. Was he forgiven by his dad? Was he forgiven by God?"

We can also be forgiven when we make mistakes. It's such a great feeling when someone forgives us, isn't it? And it's also a great feeling when we forgive someone else. Let's remember that the next time we need to forgive someone. **Everyone needs to be forgiven.**"

### Discussion on Forgiveness

*Talk through the following:*

- What is one way you responded this week when you've done something wrong?
- What has someone forgiven you? *Encourage kids to share examples and talk about how it felt to be forgiven.*
- What about when you've forgiven someone else? How do you think they felt? How did you feel afterward?

The Parent Cue App is a FREE app that you can use to bring the message home with you on a daily basis. It allows you to watch the weekly Bible story with your child in the comfort of your own home. This app is available both on the Apple IOS Store and the Google Play Store.

