



5K – 3rd GRADE | AT-HOME ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 29th, 2020

Bible Story | I Don't Want to Miss a Thing (Older Brother) • Luke 15:21-32

Bottom Line | When you don't forgive, you miss 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, NIV

Life App | Forgiveness –

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

Basic Truth | I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

After watching the worship and Bible story video together, have fun with your kid while doing the following activities that reinforce this week's Bottom Line.

If you have other kids at home, you can get the whole family involved!

Download the *Parent Cue App* for additional activities and conversations for engaging with your kid throughout the week.

PARTY TIME!

What You Need: Paper party hats (*make your own rolling paper into a cone shape and adding string so it stays on your child's head*); decorating supplies.

What You Do: Pass out a party hat to everyone to decorate however they'd like (*if making your own, you'll want to decorate before rolling into cones*). As you are decorating, talk about the choices the older brother in our story made.

- How did the father react when his son returned? (*Forgave him and threw a huge party to celebrate his return*)
 - Where was the older brother when the younger son returned? (*Working in the field*)
 - How did the older brother react when he found out that the party was for his younger brother who'd returned home? (*He was angry*)
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- What did the older brother say to the father? (*"All these years I have worked, I've obeyed. You've never thrown me a party."*)
- Why do you think the older brother was SO mad? Can you relate to this?
- Why do you think the father celebrated in such a big way?
- *Optional: Throw a party in your living room! Turn on fun music and dance, bake a cake, get out some favorite snacks, or decorate with whatever you have around!*

What You Say: "I can relate to the older brother. He's right; he was the one who had stayed, the one who worked hard and honored his dad. But he missed out. Because he thought it was more important to be right than to forgive, he missed the opportunity to celebrate his brother's return. Sometimes we do the same thing. We want to prove that we're right. But in the end, your friendship is WAY more important than winning an argument. One thing that's super important to remember is that NO one is perfect. We all mess up sometimes. We all say things we don't really mean or do things that hurt others. We need to offer forgiveness when someone apologizes and means it. Because **[Bottom Line] when you don't forgive, you miss out.**" **[Make It Personal]** *(Talk about a time when you refused to forgive someone as a kid and you missed out. What happened as a result of choosing to stay mad?)*

MEMORY VERSE BUILDING

What You Need: Stackable objects/building toys; sticky notes (or scrap paper and tape); Bible or Bible app

What You Do: Read Colossians 3:13 aloud together. Work with your child to write one word of the memory verse on each sticky note. Place on sticky note on each stackable object or building toy. Encourage your child to stack the objects or toys in any way they choose to "build" the verse. To create an extra challenge, scatter the objects and time your child to build a tower, in verse order, as fast as they can.

What You Say: "Forgiveness is important! And we know that's true because God is the ultimate forgiver! This verse is such a great one to remember always. Let's choose to forgive and fix the relationships with the people around us, with God's help. Because **[Bottom Line] when you don't forgive, you miss out.**"

PRAYER ACTIVITY

What You Need: Party hat, party blower, balloon, cake mix, or other party-type items

What You Do: Give everyone a party item. Brainstorm with you child things we can celebrate about God (*e.x. He made us, He loves us, He forgives us*). End with prayer.

What You Say: "These party items are a good reminder **[Bottom Line] when you don't forgive, you miss out.** But forgiving someone when we've been hurt—even when the other person is clearly sorry—is still hard. Let's pray and ask God to help us forgive so we don't miss out this week and thank God for all that He does for us.

"Dear God, thank You for always offering forgiveness to us, just like the father in this story Jesus told. When we feel like holding onto anger like the older brother, would you please help us choose to forgive instead? We definitely need Your help to do that. We love and trust You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."