

**Materials Needed:**  
Bible or Bible App, Balloon,  
Chairs, String



## GO DEEPER

### MORNING MOMENTS

**SCRIPTURE**

**MATTHEW 18:21-35**  
The Unmerciful Servant

**BOTTOM LINE**

**FOLLOWING JESUS  
MEANS FORGIVING  
OTHERS**

**READ THIS**

If we are following Jesus, we should be willing to forgive people who do wrong to us. Forgiveness means we do not hold on to how someone has wronged us, instead, we leave the event in God's hands, and move on. Jesus told Peter that not only does God want us to forgive someone seven times, He tells us to forgive that person seventy times seven – that's 490 times! It's not about keeping track of the seventy times seven. God just wants us to love others and to always forgive them. It's not always easy! Sometimes it is very hard. Let's go deeper and look at what God says about forgiving others!

**MEMORIZE THIS**

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."  
**Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

**IN ACTION**

It is important to forgive others as well as be able to ask for forgiveness. This week practice both sayings, "I'm sorry," and "I forgive you" as often as you can!

**CHECK OUT OUR COMPANION VIDEOS ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:**  
[youtube.com/blueridgecommunitychurch](https://www.youtube.com/blueridgecommunitychurch)

**Read:** Colossians 3:13, Ephesians 1:6-7, 1 John 1:9  
**Discuss:**

- How does God forgive us?
- Can we sin too much for God to forgive us?
- What does it feel like to be forgiven after you have done wrong?

**Remember This:** We can forgive others because God forgives us

### CREATIVE CONNECTION

Place two chairs about 8 feet apart with a string tied 2-3 feet off the ground between the two chairs. This will serve as a makeshift volleyball net. Practice Colossians 3:13 a few times. When ready, divide into two teams (this could be one-on-one or larger teams depending on how many kids/family members are playing) and have each team sit facing each other on opposite sides of the string. Toss the inflated balloon to one team and have them bop it over the string to the other team. Each time someone on either team bops the balloon, they should say one word from the verse. Continue bopping the balloon back and forth until the entire verse has been said. If the balloon touches the ground before the verse is finished, pick it up and start over from the beginning. Until you have the verse memorized you can write it out and look at the verse while you play!

### TABLE TALK

Share about a time someone did something to you that you didn't like. God forgives us, and He wants us to forgive other people too. Take time to go around the table and allow each family member to pray to God. Thank Him for His forgiveness, and ask Him to help you forgive others.

### HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:  
**P**raise God that He is willing to forgive you  
**A**sk God to help you forgive others as He forgives you  
**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, when you choose not to forgive  
**T**hank God for the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross so that we could receive His forgiveness

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**Read:** Ephesians 4:31-32

**Discuss:**

- What does it look like to be kind to someone?
- When you mess up or do wrong, do you want the other person to forgive you?
- Share a time a friend hurt your feelings. How did you respond?

**Remember This:** I can be kind and show forgiveness



### CREATIVE CONNECTION

It can be hard to forgive someone, but it can be even harder to treat them with kindness after they have hurt you. Read or act out the following situations. How can you respond with kindness and forgiveness?

- Your friend forgot to bring her lunch money again. She always asks you if she can borrow some money, but she never pays it back. What do you do?
- Your mom promised to take you out for ice cream after she was done with her work. But after she was done, she forgot about her promise. What do you do?
- You just found out that your best friend told another friend of yours that (he/she) didn't like coming over to your house. What do you do?



### TABLE TALK

- What are some of the kind things you do for each other in your family?
- What do you do when someone is not kind back to you?



### HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

**P**raise God for His kindness

**A**sk God to help you respond to others in kindness

**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you were unkind because you were angry

**T**hank God for someone in your life who is kind to you

**Materials Needed:**  
Bible or Bible App, Paper, Pen

## GO DEEPER



### MORNING MOMENTS

**Read:** Matthew 6:7-15

**Discuss:**

- What is Jesus doing in this passage?
- What was Jesus showing us we can ask God for in verse 12?
- In verse 14, what does Jesus say God will do when you choose to forgive others?

**Remember This:** Forgiving others is hard, but we can pray and ask God for help



### CREATIVE CONNECTION

God wants us to ask Him for help to forgive others. Get a piece of paper and write out a prayer asking God to help search your heart for times when you have not forgiven others.



### TABLE TALK

- When God forgives us, does it mean He thinks that what we did was okay?
- When we forgive others, are we saying that their actions were right?
- Why does God want us to forgive others when they have not asked for forgiveness or changed their ways?



### HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

**P**raise God for hearing you when you pray

**A**sk God to help you be willing to forgive others quickly

**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for times you have not been willing to forgive someone right away

**T**hank God for ways you have seen Him help you forgive others

**Materials Needed:**  
Bible or Bible App, Tape,  
Pillows/Blankets

## GO DEEPER



### MORNING MOMENTS

**Read:** John 3:16-17, Luke 23:34

**Discuss:**

- Why did God choose to send Jesus to die on a cross?
- Do we deserve Jesus' forgiveness?
- Even when on the cross, what did Jesus say about those who were doing Him wrong? (Luke 23:34)

**Remember This:** Jesus is our example of real forgiveness



### CREATIVE CONNECTION

Use the masking tape to create two parallel lines eight to ten feet apart. When we do something that is wrong, no matter how small, it is called sin. Sin separates us from God. Let's pretend that these two lines are the edges of a deep canyon. We are on one side, and God is waiting for us on the other. Because we do things that are wrong, we cannot get across. Try jumping to the other side of the canyon, can you do it? No way! But Jesus died on the cross so our sins can be forgiven. When we say we are sorry and genuinely mean it and ask Him to forgive us, Jesus forgives our sins. He makes a way for us to get across to God who is in Heaven. This is the only way we can be with God in Heaven. (Take pillows or blankets and create a cross between the two lines.) The cross is like a bridge. Now you can walk across the cross. Because of Jesus, we have a way to get back to God.



### TABLE TALK

- Is there anything we can do to be good enough to be with God?
- How would you describe Jesus' forgiveness to someone?



### HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

**P**raise God for giving us a way to have a relationship with Him

**A**sk God to help you ask for forgiveness when you sin

**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for ways you have sinned today

**T**hank God for sending Jesus to be our bridge to a relationship with God

**Materials Needed:**  
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Paper Plate, Art Supplies

## GO DEEPER



### MORNING MOMENTS

**Read:** Matthew 5:1-2, 7, Micah 7:18

**Discuss:**

- What is mercy?
- Why should we give mercy to others?
- What does God say to give to those who show mercy?

**Remember This:** I can show mercy by forgiving, even when it is not deserved



### CREATIVE CONNECTION

Mercy is when someone who has done wrong is forgiven and does not get the punishment they deserve. Take a paper plate and a craft stick (or stick from outside). On one side of the paper plate draw a happy face, and on the other side draw an angry face. Attach your stick to your mask. Use other craft supplies to decorate your mask. The happy face side will represent someone who shows mercy while the angry face will represent someone who does not show mercy. Come up with situations where people could choose to show mercy. Act out the situation first with your angry face showing how you might respond without mercy. Then act out the same situation with your happy face showing how you could show mercy.



### TABLE TALK

- When is a time someone showed you mercy?
- Share about a time when you showed someone else mercy.



### HUMBLE HEARTS

Take **P.A.R.T.** of your day to pray:

**P**raise God for being merciful

**A**sk God to help you show others mercy

**R**epent, or tell God you're sorry, for when you have acted in anger instead of mercy

**T**hank God for how He has forgiven you