



BIBLE STORY FOCUS

I Don't Want to Miss a Thing (Father and Older Brother) • *Luke 15:21-32*

VIDEO STORY LINK

[Elementary Video](#)

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)

LIFE APP

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

BOTTOM LINE

When you don't forgive, you miss out.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

ACTIVITY: PARTY HATS

Live for God | Life Application Activity

What You Need: Paper party hats (utilize the template to make your own), markers, and stickers.

What You Do:

- Each person needs a party hat. If you do not have those handy, utilize the template to make your own.
- Decorate the hat using stickers, markers, and other supplies you have handy.
- Put on your hat when you are finished.

What You Say:

The older brother missed out on a super fun party. Why? Because, unlike his father, he refused to forgive. What could we miss out on when we refuse to forgive? (*Pause for responses.*) Refusing to forgive could cause us to miss out on a friendship! 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. Hopefully when that happens, like in the story Jesus told, the other person apologizes. And in that case, we should offer forgiveness for sure. Remember, **when you don't forgive, you miss out.**

Parents: *Share 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?*

Close in prayer

"Dear God, thank You for showing us how to forgive. Jesus taught us what forgiveness looks like, and He SHOWED us when He died for us on the cross. Even though we have Jesus' example, it's not an easy task for us to forgive. Please help us choose how to forgive so we don't miss out on all the great gifts You want to give us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

