

Midweek Elementary Activity

Week of 3/16 – 3/20

Bible Story: Step by Step (Jesus Teaches on Forgiveness) • *Matthew 5:1-2; 23-24*

Bottom Line: Take the first step to forgive others.

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

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

Bible Story: Take some time to read Matthew 5:1-2; 23-24 together

ACTIVITY: Who, What, When, Why?

What You Need: Print the “Who, What, When, Why?” Activity Page (attached) or create your own, a Bible, pencils

What You Do:

- Look up Matthew 5:23-24 and read it together
- Give your child the Activity Page and a pencil
- Discuss the verses and ask the questions below.
- As you answer them together, encourage your child to write down their own answers on the Activity Page in the appropriate spot on the page.

Questions:

- WHO: Who is this verse talking about? (Answer: Us)
- WHAT: What are these verses saying? (Answer: Forgive first and be quick to forgive)

WHEN: When and where should we do this? (Answer: BEFORE anything else)

- WHY: Why is this an important truth to apply to our lives? (Answer: Because forgiveness fixes the relationship)

What You Can Say:

“When we’ve hurt someone, the first thing we should do is to ask for forgiveness. When someone hurts us and wants forgiveness, we should give it! Jesus tells us that forgiveness comes first. Refusing to forgive or make things right not only hurts our relationship with others, it also hurts our relationship with God. He loves you and He’s forgiven you. Let’s take the first step to forgive others.”