

SPECIAL EDITION

Pastoring Your Kids



PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

1

Sunday

CHURCH TIME

2

Monday or Tuesday

BIBLE TIME

3

Thursday or Friday

FAMILY TIME

WEEK 6

AGAPE

FORGIVE & FORGET

MEMORY VERSE:

Ephesians 4:32, "...forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you..." **(KJV)**

BOTTOM LINE

Forgive people and forget the past.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- Matthew 6:14
- Matthew 18:21-22
- Mark 11:25
- Luke 6:37

MAIN POINT:

It is clear that Jesus wants us to forgive others when they hurt us. In the Gospels, Jesus tells us a couple of very important things about forgiveness. First of all, He tells us that if we want the Father to forgive us, we must forgive others. Secondly, if we don't forgive others the Father will not answer our prayers. Forgiving others helps us, not the person who hurt us. When we forgive we can know the Father will forgive us for our mistakes and we can know He will answer our prayers.

DISCUSS:

- Share a moment in your life when someone did something to you that was hard to forgive.
- Discuss the steps you had to take to walk in forgiveness. (Sometimes when we forgive someone we keep remembering what they did. We need to forget what they did too.)
- Allow children to do the same (if they want to).

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Have you ever hurt someone else's feelings? Did you want them to forgive you?
2. Why do you think the Bible says your prayers will not be answered if you don't forgive others?
3. What is the most important thing Jesus did for you on the cross?

3. FAMILY TIME

BEANS! BEANS! THE MAGICAL FRUIT

MAIN POINT:

How many times do we need to forgive one another?

WHAT YOU NEED:

A large bowl and a large bag of dry beans (like lima, pinto, or navy beans).

WHAT YOU DO:

- Sit down as a family with a large bowl and large bag of beans.
- Have every person count out 70 beans. You will need 7 piles of 70 beans (depending on how many people you have in your family, some may have 2 or 3 piles of 70 beans).
- After counting out the beans stop and read Matthew 18:21-35.
- Do you sometimes think like Peter and wonder why

you have to forgive someone more than 7 times?

- Why do you think Jesus said to forgive 70 times? Do you think He literally meant 490 times?

DISCUSS:

- Have each person put their 70 beans into the large bowl.
- Pass around the bowl full of beans (should have around 490 beans in it). Have everyone put their hands in the beans and feel how much 490 beans feel like.
- It would be hard to count out 490 times that we would need to forgive someone else, wouldn't it? Jesus' point isn't that we actually count 490 times to forgive someone (hopefully no one would ever actually hurt your feelings 490 times). The point is we just need to keep forgiving others because He forgave us ALL of our sins.

PUT IT TO USE:

End by singing the new bean song – “Beans, beans the magical fruit, the more you eat the more you toot, the more you toot, the better you feel. Eat beans at every meal!”

Add this verse: “Forgive, forgive, the magical act, the more you forgive the more you can laugh. The more you can laugh the better you feel, so forgive others for every little deal!”