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## READ LUKE 15:25-28A

## DAY 1

Use the space below to plan out a party. It doesn't need to be for any reason but to have a fun time together. Use your imagination to create an awesome time! Think about games, food, and decorations! Ask your parents to help. Now do it! Grab some snacks, decorate your home, and invite your siblings or friends for the party. Have fun! The sky's the limit when you're imagining your dream party!

The older brother missed out on a party—an EPIC PARTY!—because he couldn't forgive. Imagine if you could have the party you just created, but ONLY if you forgave someone who had hurt you deeply. Could you do it? Well, guess what? With God's help—YES!

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**THANK** God for showing us what it means to forgive.

## DAY 2

## READ COLOSSIANS 3:13-16

Sometimes when we don't forgive, we miss out on parties, and sometimes we just miss out on GREAT things that God wants us to enjoy. Using Colossians 3:13-16 as your guide, find some of those things in the word search.

**ASK** God to help you forgive so you can enjoy all of His gifts.

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## READ PROVERBS 17:9

**DAY 3**

One of the worst things you can miss out on if you don't forgive is a relationship with the person you won't forgive. Friends are one of God's greatest gifts to us and not something we want to miss out on!

Get two sheets of paper, some safety scissors (ask a parent for help), tape or glue, and markers. On one sheet of paper, in the middle, write the word LOVE. Then place the other paper on top and trace a block around the word (on the top sheet). Cut the bottom and sides of the box, but leave the top part attached (so it makes a little flap you can lift up and down over the word love). Tape or glue the edges of the two sheets together.

Hang the paper up, or put it somewhere you can find it easily. The next time you need to forgive a friend or family member, you can pull it out. Write on the top flap what they did that you need to forgive. Then pray and ask God to help you forgive them. When you do, tear off the flap to "erase" the sin and reveal the "LOVE." Then go to your friend and tell them you forgive them!

**LOOK** for ways to show love through forgiveness.

## READ MATTHEW 5:23-24

**DAY 4**

When we don't make peace with our family and friends, we might miss out on a relationship with them. And even worse, we could miss out on having a right relationship with God. God commands us to forgive, and He goes so far as to say that He doesn't even want anything from us—our worship, our offerings—until we have made peace.

Is there someone in your life who you need to make peace with? Before you go back to church on Sunday, take the time to pray and ask God to help you forgive that friend or family member. And ask Him for the courage and strength to go and make peace with them (and then go do it!). That might mean apologizing for the part that you played in the situation too. Whatever it takes, it's worth it so that you don't miss out on a relationship—with your friend, or with God!

**KNOW** that God cares about our hearts toward others more than our gifts to Him.

