

WEEK THREE

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READ MATTHEW 18:32-33

DAY 1

Grab a blank sheet of paper and some safety scissors (ask a parent for help) and cut the paper into strips. Set aside two of the strips. Using the rest of the strips, write down on each one something that you've done wrong that God has forgiven you for. Then crumple each one up and throw it in the trash.

Now write down on the two remaining strips a couple of the things that you need to forgive others for. Pray and ask God help you to forgive them and delete the debt. Then crumple them up and throw them in the trash with the other scraps of paper. Notice how all the sins look the same once they've been forgiven—you can't even tell what they were anymore!

THANK God for forgiving you and empowering you to forgive others!



READ EPHESIANS 4:32

DAY 2

If you have a set of Dominoes, grab them. If not, gather some other kind of toy that you have several of (like LEGO® blocks or small stuffed animals). Set them up in a line, standing up, fairly close to each other. Then knock the first one over. What happens? One by one, each of the toys or Dominoes falls over, right?

God forgives you because of what Jesus did. And you should forgive others because God forgave you. Forgiveness spreads—like Dominoes—all because of what Jesus did for you!

ASK God to help you forgive others since He forgave you.



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READ COLOSSIANS 3:13

DAY 3

Think about something someone did to you that hurt you ... something that made you mad or sad. Clench your fists as you think about how they hurt you. When someone does something to you, you have a choice. You can clench your fists and hold tightly to the anger and hurt. Or you can remember how God forgave you, and how He opened His hands to let go of your sin. Think about how God forgave you and slowly open your hands. Then (with a parent's permission), write FORGIVE on your open hand. Whenever you see it today, remember that you can open your hands to forgive others because God forgave you first.

LOOK to God for an example of how to let go of the hurt caused by others.



READ JOHN 13:34-35

DAY 4

Get a sheet of paper and make a DELETE button. With a parent's help, cut it into a rectangle (like the delete button on a computer) and write "delete" on it. Put your delete button in a place where you hang out a lot with your friends or siblings. The next time someone hurts you and you need to forgive them, hand them the delete button. Tell them you forgive them because you love them and because God forgave you first! And the next time they need to forgive someone, they can pass the delete button on!

KNOW that you show others your love for God by the way you forgive others.

