

PARENT GUIDE

K-5 GRADE—MARCH 29

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 NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

When you don't forgive, you miss out!

ACTIVITY: SCAVENGER HUNT STORY REVIEW—PRODIGAL SON (Luke 15:17-21)

What you need:

- Pillow case
- Play money/coins, backpack, sleeping bag, stuffed animal pig, sandals/flip flops, pretend jewelry ring, robe

What you do:

Before reviewing last weeks story, let everyone do a scavenger hunt to help find and gather all the items for our story review. You may want to make it a competition to see who can find all the items the fastest. After all the items are secured, put all of the items in a pillowcase. Have each family member take turns pulling an item out of the pillowcase and describing how that item fits into last weeks Bible story. Or if you're feeling super creative, use the items to ACT OUT last weeks story with your family before we continue the story this week! If you have a family pet, let them play the part of the pigs! To guide you, the main story points are below:

- A father had two sons. The younger of the two sons asked his father for his share of the inheritance.
- The father gave the money to his son.
- The son packed up and left home for a faraway country.
- There, the son wasted all his money.
- The son became so hungry, he took a job caring for pigs.
- The son decided to return home and beg to be let back in as a servant.
- The father ran to meet him, gave him a hug, and gave him the best robe, a ring, and sandals for his feet.
- The father threw a huge party to welcome his son home.

What You Say: Lets check out today's story.

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BIBLE STORY REVIEW—LUKE 15:21-32

What you need:

- Party decorations
- Everybody's favorite snack and or drink

Ask: What was the difference between the father's response to the younger son's return and the older son's response to his younger brother's return? (answers could include: anger, bitter, jealous, ungrateful)

Ask: What was the older brother/son missing out on by choosing to hold onto his negative emotions toward his brother?

Ask: What was the father's response to the older son?

Even though what his younger brother did was wrong, the older brother had a choice to make. He could decide to let go of his anger and bitterness and forgive his brother. Or he could decide to hold on to his anger and bitterness and decide his younger brother should pay for his wrong.

Activity: Create a party gathering with decorations and everyone's favorite snack/drink. Select one family member to play the older brother while everyone else gets to celebrate. The older brother has to hold onto something in the room (a banister, door frame, un-moveable piece of furniture, etc...) that will not allow him to join the party. While the older brother holds on with both hands, everybody else gets to celebrate and have a party. **Ask:** the following questions:

- What can it cost you to hold a grudge?
- What if a friend says something unkind to you and they never say they are sorry? Do you still forgive them? Do you only forgive someone if they ask?
- Is forgiveness always fair?

When you hold on to grudges and focus on how you have been wronged **YOU** always miss out. So try to remember that...

[BOTTOM LINE] WHEN YOU DON'T FORGIVE, YOU MISS OUT.

PRAYER: "Dear God, thank you so much for forgiving us no matter what and teaching us to forgive others. We love you so much. We are thankful that you are always with us and you are BIG ENOUGH for all things in this world, In Jesus name, AMEN."