



God Calls Us to Forgive One Another as He Forgives Us
A Lesson on Forgiveness and God's Love
Grades 1-3

Goal

Help the children discover how God calls us to forgive one another, no matter what others do to hurt us, as he has forgiven us, no matter what we may have done to offend him.

Materials

Coloring Page, Maze, and Sequencing Exercise for Prodigal Son Story

Lesson:

Watch: [Prodigal Son video](#).

Questions:

- Why did the younger son want his father to give him money?
How did the father feel—what did he tell his son?
- Did the son spend the money wisely?
- What did he do?
- How did the son feel when he had no more money?
- What did the son decide to do?
How did the son apologize?
- How did the father answer him?
- How did the older son feel about his brother when he returned?
- What did the father tell the older son?
- Were both sons wrong? Why?
- Did the father forgive both sons?

Activities:

Help the Prodigal Son find his way home [maze](#).

[Coloring page](#) – Jesus Teaches me

Discussion:

Ask students to recall experiences of making up with friends or family. They can recall times when differences were settled with an apology, a handshake, a hug, etc. Jesus explains the theme for us so that we understand the need to be sorry when we have done wrong and, in turn, celebrate God's forgiveness. This theme helps us to live as followers of Jesus by forgiving those who have hurt us.

Discuss the many ways to say, "*I'm sorry.*"

PRAYER

To say that I'm sorry is
Sometimes hard to do.
So sometimes I like to say it
By the things I do for you.

To make up isn't easy
It hurts sometimes inside.
But after I have done it
I'm glad that I have tried