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Children's Activity: Sunday 19 April 2020

Bible Readings:

Matthew 6:12 – Jesus taught us to pray “Father forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Ephesians 4:32 – Paul says “Be kinda and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Colossians 3:13-14 – Forgive as the Lord forgave you “¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

DISCUSSION: Hot Tip - don't just accept one 'correct' answer, allow several people to share their ideas, there are no wrong answers.

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of a time when you upset someone and they forgave you? How did it feel before they forgave you? What changed after you had their forgiveness?
2. Can you think of a time when someone upset you? Was it easy or difficult to forgive them? [Just as we like to be forgiven, we need to forgive others].

Jesus offers us the free gift of forgiveness when we sin and do the wrong thing. Corrie Ten Boom discovered that when we know Jesus forgives us, it helps us to show the same grace and forgiveness to others.

3. What are some ways you can show forgiveness to others with our actions and attitudes? [Be a loving friend/brother/sister by spending time together, give a hug (an elbow tap or video call), help clean up the mess together, trust each other again.]

ACTIVITY:

1. Write a letter or make a gift for someone you forgive, say sorry to or want to keep as a best friend even though you can't be together just now. Organise with your family to deliver it or video chat to show it.
2. Design a postcard with the words “Being sorry is more than words.” “Our attitudes and actions show true forgiveness.” OR “Jesus forgave me, so I will forgive others.”

Prayer:

Thank Jesus for His love and forgiveness, ask Him to help you to forgive others and to be forgiven when you make mistakes.

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