



## MEMORY VERSE

"Forgive, just as the  
Lord forgave you."

Colossians 3:13

## KEY QUESTION

Who forgives you no  
matter what?

## BOTTOM LINE

Jesus forgives me no  
matter what!

## BASIC TRUTH

God loves me!

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

Do you receive our weekly  
Preschool Email? If not, let us  
know and we'll add you to the  
email list!

### Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you SO much for  
forgiving us no matter what! Help us to go  
love and forgive others, just like you! In  
Jesus' name, Amen!"

## Today's Bible Story: Use the Bible Story Picture Cards

Teaching Tip: use the rug in the classroom to  
create quiet listening space for the kids to hear  
the true story from the Bible

## Today's Activity: Prodigal Son Story Wheel

**What You Need:** Story Wheel and crayons

**Before the Activity:** Gather your supplies and  
ask the kids to have a seat at the table

**During the Activity:** Give each child a story  
wheel and prompt them to color the front.  
Read the story to them aloud as they color.

### Talk to the kids while they make their craft:

"Jesus told the story about the father and son  
to teach us that God loves us, no matter what.  
And no matter what we do, God forgives us  
when we make mistakes. God loves you and  
God loves you and God loves you . . . (repeat  
as you point to each child). Knowing that God  
loves and forgives, us no matter what, is very  
important! So when I ask, 'Who forgives you  
no matter what', I want you to say, 'Jesus  
forgives me no matter what!' Ready? Who  
forgives you no matter what? Jesus forgives  
me no matter what!"



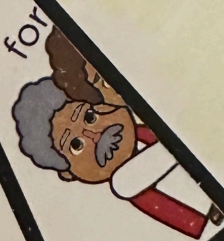


# The Prodigal Son



Everyone needs forgiveness!

He spent all his money and  
he didn't know what to do. He  
didn't have a bed to sleep in or  
food to eat.







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After Large Group time, have the kids sit on the rug or tables for story or craft time!

### Prayer:

"God, thank You for sending Jesus to love us no matter what and to show us how to love and forgive others. Please forgive us when we make mistakes. And help us forgive others too. You're the best, God. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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## Today's Activity: Zacchaeus Storybook

**What You Need:** Storybook and crayons

**Before the Activity:** Gather your supplies and ask the kids to have a seat at the table

**During the Activity:** Give each child a storybook and prompt them to color the pages. Read the story to them aloud as they color.

### Talk to the kids while they make their craft:

Zacchaeus had climbed a tree to see Jesus. When Jesus saw him, He called him down from the tree and they went to Zacchaeus' house. Jesus loved Zacchaeus even though he had made bad choices. Jesus was so kind and loving to Zacchaeus that it made him want to be kind and loving to other people. Zacchaeus was so happy that Jesus was his friend, he gave back to the people the money he had taken from them! There isn't anything we can do to make Jesus stop loving us. Even if we make a bad choice, Jesus will still love us. Jesus loves us no matter what.





# The Story of Zacchaeus



Zacchaeus made some bad choices.  
He took too much money from people.





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Kids follow your example! Be sure to engage in the Large Group experience by standing and worshipping alongside them!

### Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for every child here today. We know it won't always be easy to forgive, but we want to love and forgive, just like you! Please help us, because we know Your plan is always best. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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## Today's Activity:

### Joseph and the Pom Pom Grain

**What You Need:** Joseph activity page, glue dots, and yellow pom poms.

**Before the Activity:** Gather your supplies and ask the kids to have a seat at the table

**During the Activity:** Give each child an activity page. Place glue dots on the top of the bags and have them place pom poms on the glue dots.

### Talk to the kids while they make their craft:

In our story today, Joseph's brothers were very hungry and had no food. They had to go see Joseph because he was in charge of all the food. But, they didn't KNOW Joseph was in charge. Joseph was so surprised to see them. Joseph had a choice to make: Forgive his brothers and give them food, or send them away hungry. Joseph did what God wanted him to do. He forgave his brothers and gave them food. He even gave them a hug and was happy to see them. It was the best ending to the story, because Joseph followed God's plan and forgave his brothers!





# Joseph Forgives His Brothers







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Incident report forms are located in  
your top cabinet. If an accident  
occurs, please fill one out and have  
staff and parents sign off.

### Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us  
important things—like how You love us and forgive  
us no matter what! That's amazing! Help us love and  
forgive others, just like you! We love You, God! In  
Jesus' name. Amen."

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## Today's Activity:

### Welcome Home Party Banner

**What You Need:** Banner activity page, large ink  
pads, and baby wipes.

**Before the Activity:** Gather your supplies and ask  
the kids to have a seat at the table

**During the Activity:** Give each child a banner, assist  
them in either tracing their hand in the place of "O"  
or use an ink pad. Use baby wipes to clean their  
hand after.

### Talk to the kids while they make their craft:

"Jesus taught us a story about a father and his son. The  
father had saved a lot of money to give his son when he  
was older, but the son wanted to spend his money now.  
So, the son took the money and went far away from home.  
He bought fancy clothes, ate fancy food, and spent money  
with all his friends until all the money was gone. The son  
didn't know what to do because he didn't have a bed to  
sleep in or any food to eat. The son was so hungry he  
even thought about eating pig food! He was so sorry for  
what he had done. He went back home, and when his  
father saw him coming, he was SO happy that he ran and  
hugged his son and gave him a new robe and ring and  
shoes! The father forgave his son and loved him no matter  
what. The father even threw a big party because his son  
was home! God loves us so much and forgives us when we  
make mistakes!"





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The Prodigal Son  
*God will always forgive you.*