

# MARCH 21/22 - ELEMENTARY LESSON

## **1. WATCH THE VIDEO**

## **2. OPEN YOUR BIBLE**

**BIBLE STORY: Please Forgive Me -- The Story of the Lost Son**  
Read Luke 15:11-24

## **3. TALK IT OVER**

**Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what!**

1. What did the son do with the father's hard earned money?
2. How does our heavenly Father act like the earthly father in this story?
3. What is forgiveness?
4. Why does forgiveness matter?
5. What do you lose if you DON'T forgive?
6. Who NEEDS to be forgiven?

**Bottom Line: Everyone Needs to be Forgiven**

## **4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE**

**Check our website for fun activities to help you memorize the 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*

## **5. PRAY TOGETHER**

“God, thank You for sending Jesus so that we could be forgiven! We don't want to stay angry and do something unkind. Help us to let it go and choose to forgive. Thank you for showing us how to do that. We love you. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

## **6. HAVE FUN WITH THE ACTIVITIES!**

# ***Parent Guide***

## **Helpful Answers to “TALK IT OVER”**

1. He wasted it. Spent it on unimportant things like fancy food, huge parties, & lavish gifts
2. He forgives us when we mess up, break his rules, or make bad choices. He is always ready to welcome us back home the moment we turn back to Him!
3. Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.
4. Because God has forgiven us! Jesus made a way for EVERYONE to be forgiven! When we believe or trust in Jesus so that we can be forgiven, we can have a friendship with God forever!
5. Peace! Relationships with the ones you love
6. Everyone needs to be forgiven!

## **Activity Instructions:**

### **Memory Verse Game**

1. Rip up some paper into strips. Write the memory verse (Colossians 3:13) onto the strips of paper....each strip only having a couple of the words! Count how many strips you ended up with total.
2. Have a family member hide the paper verse strips around the house or outside.
3. Find all the pieces of the verse and put them in order!
4. KEEP THESE PIECES OF PAPER with the verse written on them! We will post more fun activities using these throughout the week to help you memorize this verse!!

### **The Lost Son Maze**

1. Print and solve, helping the prodigal son find his way home! No printer? Parents, try tracing the maze onto a piece of paper from your computer, OR screen shot it and have your child use the Markup feature to draw on your phone!

### **The Lost Son Code Breaker**

1. Use the decoder to match each number to a letter that forms a keyword from this week's lesson!