

# Please Forgive Me

**Bible Story:** Please Forgive Me (Lost Son) • *Luke 15:11-24*

**Key Question:** When has someone forgiven you?

**Bottom Line:** Everyone needs to be forgiven.

**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

**Life App:** Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

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

## 1. Discussion Questions

[Live for God | Application Activity]

*Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

**Ask:**

- What is one way you respond when you've done something wrong?
- When has someone forgiven you? **Encourage** kids to share examples and talk about how it felt to be forgiven.
- What about when you've forgiven someone else? How do you think they felt?
  - **Encourage** kids to share. **[Make it Personal]** *(Be prepared to share an age-appropriate example of when someone forgave you. Maybe you forgot to meet your friend for lunch like you said you would and your friend didn't hold it against you and simply rescheduled another time to get together. Or you borrowed a tool from a friend and it broke, but your friend didn't make you buy a new one to replace it.)*

## 2. Verse to Take with You

### [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

*Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

#### What You Do:

- **Look up** and **read** Psalm 103:8-12 together.
- **Ask:**
  - What does this passage tell us about God? (*He is tender, kind, gracious, patient, etc.*)
  - What does this passage say about God's forgiveness? (*God forgives us and doesn't hold a grudge, He removes our sin*)
- **Remind** kids because of Jesus, God's forgiveness is for everyone; because of Jesus we are forgiven.
- **Encourage** kids to paraphrase what Psalm 103:8-12 says about God and His forgiveness.
- **Spend** time sharing what kids wrote about Psalm 103.

## 3. Make it Personal with Prayer

### [Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

*Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

**What You Need:** Bibles, pencils or markers, paper

#### What You Do:

- **Give** kids some quiet time to pray. **Suggest** options for ways to spend this prayer time:
  - Talking silently to God
  - Write God a thank You note
  - Reading Psalm 103:8-12 as a prayer to God
  - Write a prayer with each sentence starting with a letter in the word "FORGIVE."
  - Draw something to represent your prayer
- **Allow** kids to share their prayers with the group if they want to.