

BLOCK PARTY

EVERYONE'S INVITED

Parent Cue
PRETEEN
Sept 2020
Week Four

Use this guide to help your family learn how we can have faith in God.
First watch this video: cedargrove.org/kids-online-services. Then follow up with the activity below!

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Forgives Peter
John 21:1-19
(Supporting: John 18:1-27)

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves at all times.
They are there to help
when trouble comes."
Proverbs 17:17, NIV

LIFE APP

Friendship- Using your
words and actions to
show others you care

KEY QUESTION

How do you react when
a friend hurts you?

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the
wise choice.

ACTIVITY

LIMBO!

WHAT YOU NEED:

Limbo stick or limbo rope, music - try Orange Kids Music on Spotify
<https://spoti.fi/2TqDhBJ>

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pick two family members to hold the stick/rope (one of them can be you!) and ask everyone else to get in line.
 - ♦ When the music starts, they attempt to pass under the bar.
 - ♦ After everyone in the line has had a turn, the bar is lowered an inch or two and the process repeats.
 - ♦ When passing under the bar, players must bend backwards. No part of their bodies may touch the bar, and no part other than their feet may touch the ground.
 - ♦ The last person left is the winner!
- Play a few more rounds, as time allows.
- Ask:
 - ♦ When does limbo get hard? (when the bar gets low)
 - ♦ When that happens, does the game get more exciting? (yes!) Why?

PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible Story or sometime before bed tonight.

"Dear God, thank you so much for your gift of forgiveness. Thank you for preserving the story of how Jesus forgave Peter so we could learn from it. And we thank You so much for forgiving us. Thank you for loving us no matter what. Please give us the courage to ask for forgiveness when we hurt others or upset them, and give us the courage and love to forgive others, too, when they hurt us. We praise you for the freedom that comes with forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!"



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GOD VIEW

The connection between friendship and God's character, is shown through God's big story. Jesus showed us the greatest example of love when He laid down His life for His friends. With His words and actions, He showed friendship to everyone He met. We can reflect Jesus' love best when we treat one another with friendship.

John 21:1-19 (Supporting: John 18:1-27)

Key Question:

How do you react when a friend hurts you? While it'd be great if friends got along all the time, it's just not the way it is. People in our lives will hurt us. How we respond is important. Jesus forgives us so much; we should work towards forgiving others. We pray that kids will understand what forgiveness can look like for their relationships.

We finish up the month in **John 21:1-19** with an incredible moment between Jesus and Peter. After denying Jesus three times, Peter was feeling guilty and ashamed. But Jesus still had plans for Peter. Jesus forgave Peter and restored the broken friendship. And when we put our faith in Jesus, Jesus offers that same forgiveness to us. In turn, we can offer forgiveness to others.

Bottom Line:

Friends forgive one another. As kids learn about God's incredible forgiveness through Jesus, we pray they start to understand more about how they can forgive their own friends. It's not just accepting an apology and saying it's alright.

We pray that kids will understand how they can forgive others and work to rebuild the friendships that are worth saving.

Lesson Recap:

It bothered Peter that he was not a good friend to Jesus. When your friend does something to hurt you, you can't actually erase what they did from your mind, but if you truly forgive them, you free yourself from having to always think about it and be angry about it. Forgiveness means you move on and show that friend you trust them again, just like Jesus showed Peter that He trusted him again. Friends forgive one another.

Drive Time: Plan a time when you will be close to a friend's house and drop something special off for them! You can write a card or make a special treat. This is a great way to show you care.

