

# FAMILY DEVOTION

## FORGIVENESS

“How Do I Forgive?”



“I Will Forgive You No Matter What You’ve Done!”



“Never pay back evil with more evil...” - Romans 12:17

### SAY:

We have all been done wrong by someone. Maybe we deserved it. Maybe we didn't. It's the bully in school who picked on us. It's the business partner who cheated us. It's the best friend who turned their back on us. Many times, our desire is to make them hurt as much as they have hurt us.

### READ:

Judges 14-15

### ASK/DISCUSS:

- What was the name of the strong man in this story?
- What did Samson try to trick the men with at the party?
- Who told the men the answer to Samson's riddle?
- What did Samson do to get the thirty sets of clothing?

### SAY:

To “pay someone back” is not what God wants us to do. When we do that, we hurt ourselves more than we hurt them because revenge causes our relationship with God to suffer. Instead of seeking revenge, we must pray for them and forgive.

### DISCUSS:

- Have you ever tried to get revenge on someone for doing you wrong? What happened? Did you feel better or worse in the long-run? What do you think would have happened if you would have forgiven them instead of seeking revenge?

### PRAY:

*Lead your children in a prayer for those who treat them badly. Pray that God will change their hearts. Pray that God will use the children to be lights to those who are living in darkness.*