

FAMILY DEVOTION

FORGIVENESS

“What is Forgiveness?”



“I’ll Forgive Everyone Who Does Me Wrong!”



“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you...” - Colossians 3:13a

READ:

Genesis 42:29-38

ASK/DISCUSS:

- Did Joseph take revenge on his brothers?
- What did he do to show them he had forgiven them?

SAY:

Joseph had a huge opportunity. The brothers who rejected him and sold him into slavery were now standing before him. He had the power to punish them for the rest of their lives or even order them to be killed. Instead, Joseph made the choice to forgive his brothers of the wrong they had committed against him. He even went a step further and blessed them and their entire families. It was not an easy decision, but Joseph did what was right.

ASK/DISCUSS:

- When someone hurts or offends you, what’s your first impulse?
- How hard or easy is it for you to forgive someone who hurts you?

SAY:

Forgiveness is never easy, but it is the plan God has for His people when they are wronged. After all, Jesus forgave those who hurt Him. It’s the least we can do to do the same for others!

PRAY:

Ask your children to think of someone who has done them wrong that they have yet to forgive. Pray for God to give them strength and courage to face that person and forgive them. Challenge them to go to that person who has wronged them THIS WEEK and tell them they forgive them.