

**CHAPEL KIDS MARCH 22**  
**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Bible Story:** The Story of the Lost Son // Luke 15:11-24

**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

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

**BIBLE STORY EXTENSION**

Have your preteen read the Bible Story from Luke 15:11-24.

Then, challenge them to draw the Bible story.

- While they are drawing, ask:
  - The story of the father and his two sons is called a parable. What’s a parable? *(a parable is a story used to teach something, Jesus frequently told parables to make His point)*
  - How can we sometimes be like the younger son?
  - How is the father like God? What is Jesus teaching us about God’s forgiveness in this parable?
  - *Guide the discussion so that your preteen has the opportunity to tell the story of God’s forgiveness. Just like the younger son did things that kept him from having a relationship with his father, so we do things that keeps us from having a relationship with God. God sent Jesus to make a way for us to fix our relationship with God so we have God’s forgiveness and we can be with Him now and forever.*
- Emphasize that God’s forgiveness is for everyone and God doesn’t hold a grudge.

**JOURNAL TIME**

Ask your preteen to think about the following questions. Encourage them to pick one or two questions and write down their answer in a journal or on a piece of paper.

- How do you respond when you’ve done something wrong?
- When has someone forgiven you? How did it feel to be forgiven?
- What about when you’ve forgiven someone else? How do you think they felt?

Spend a few minutes in prayer thanking God for forgiving us and for sending His Son Jesus to make a way for us to fix our relationship with Him.