

**CHAPEL KIDS MARCH 22**  
**Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</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

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

**STORY BOARD Review**

**What You Need:** A piece of paper, crayons

**What You Do:**

- Instruct your child to separate the paper into 5 boxes and to # the boxes 1-5
- In each box, have your child drawn the following:
  - 1. The father gave the son all of his inheritance.
  - 2. The son left home and spent all his money.
  - 3. The son ended up eating with pigs.
  - 4. The son decided to go back home. The father saw his son coming home and ran toward him to give him a hug.
  - 5. The son asked for forgiveness.
- While your child is drawing, ask them to explain each part of the story. You might need to prompt them by asking questions about details from the story and/or things you see in their drawing.

**Review:**

“You did a great job drawing the story. The son in the story made some bad decisions, but he still came back to his father to ask for forgiveness. What did the father do when he came back? (*He threw a party!*) The story today reminds us that even when we make really big mistakes, **everyone needs to be forgiven.**

What are some things that kids your age might need to be forgiven for? (*Encourage responses, such as: telling a lie, disobeying my parents, yelling at my brother for messing up a video game, using my sister’s stickers without asking, etc.*) Those are the kind of things we all do sometimes, and they’re things we need to ask forgiveness for. Some of those things might also be done TO us, and we need to forgive the other person, even if we’re angry and even if they don’t ask for forgiveness. **Everyone needs to be forgiven.**”

**MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE**

**What You Need:** A Bible, paper scraps, and a pen/pencil

**What You Do:**

- Help your child look up Colossians 3:13 and read it aloud.
- As they are reading, write out the verse on paper scraps, two or three words per scrap of paper. Count the paper scraps.
- When you finish, fold the papers in half and ask your child to cover their eyes as you hide them around the room.

- Once all the words are hidden, challenge your kids to find all of the paper scraps and put the verse in order.
- Review their work by repeating the verse together.

**What You Say:**

“One BIG truth about forgiveness is that everyone needs it! We all mess up. When we do, we can be sure that God will ALWAYS forgive us. Our verse for this month reminds us to forgive because God has forgiven us. If you find yourself refusing to forgive this week, ask God to help you remember that **everyone needs to be forgiven.**”