

SPECIAL EDITION

Pastoring Your Kids



PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

1

Sunday

CHURCH TIME

2

Monday or Tuesday

BIBLE TIME

3

Thursday or Friday

FAMILY TIME

WEEK 04:

PRAYER:

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (KJV)

BOTTOM LINE:

Pray the Prayer of Forgiveness when you feel bad about something you did.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- Genesis 37
- Genesis 45:1-15

MAIN POINT:

The Bible tells us to forgive others if we want to be forgiven. That is hard to do sometimes with those people who we are closest to - our family. As we learn to forgive and forget we will grow.

DISCUSS:

- The story of Joseph is a long story, but Joseph lived his life forgiving others.
- Make a list of who did wrong things to Joseph.
- Make another list of how Joseph was blessed.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Joseph only had to forgive once. (no many times, many people)
2. What if Joseph had not forgiven his brothers? (he would not have been blessed)
3. How do we live a life of forgiveness? (forgive and forget)
4. If you don't forgive others who is affected most? (you are, others go on with their life)

3. FAMILY TIME

FORGIVE & FORGET

MAIN POINT:

We need to forgive ourselves too.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Paper and pen for everyone.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each family member a piece of paper and a pen.
- Have everyone write down something that is bugging them right now - something they did and have trouble forgiving themselves or maybe someone has done something against them and they need to forgive that person.

DISCUSS:

- Sometimes when we ask God or someone to forgive us, we may still feel bad or guilty. God answered our prayer, but we need to forgive ourselves.
- It is important to forgive others and to tell them we forgive them.
- By throwing the paper into the trash it signifies how God looks at what we wrote down on that paper. It is gone.

PRACTICE:

- Have each family member pray the prayer of forgiveness (1 John 1:9) and then crumble and toss paper in trash.