

WEEKLY PLAN



Week 2: Forgive One Another

This week, let's talk about the kind of Christlike people we want to be. From brother to brother, mother to daughter, husband to wife, let us first model forgiveness in our family so that we can be gracious to others. It is vital to the health of our family and in our witness to the world. We as a family can bear gospel witness by being a forgiving family.

PRAYERTIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE: Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing (1 Peter 3:8-9).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER: God, when our family has conflict help us be like-minded and sympathetic to each other. Help us always love each other even when it's difficult. Teach us to be compassionate and humble. May we never pay back evil for evil or insult for insult.



PARENT PRE-READING: "If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother" (Matt. 18:15)

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in Matthew 18, and it says that if another believer sins against you, you should approach them alone. Sometimes, we may just want to sweep conflict under the rug. How might not dealing with it hurt your relationship and maybe even hurt that person?



STARTING QUESTIONS. When was the last time you said something and then immediately regretted it?

DEEPENING QUESTION How did you fix this situation?

READ THIS TOGETHER "My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness" (James 1:19-20).

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS When a situation gets heated, what can you do to slow down and not allow anger to control your thoughts and words?

In verse 20, it says that human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness. What do you think that phrase means?

When conflict comes up, is there something we can do as a family for us all to slow down and not allow anger to control the situation?



WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES

Well, not literally. Understanding each other a little better can always help conflict. As a fun reminder of this, have a silly dinner or evening together.

Take some time and dress up like each other and pretend to be and act like one another. Get creative and even bust out the camera as we hope this can make you laugh. Make sure this is all done in fun and your pretending isn't hurtful to each other. This can give you some insight into the habits and characteristics that everyone sees of each other in your home.