# Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

DAY 1

### Read Ephesians 4:32

Raise your hand if forgiveness is easy? Let's be honest. It's not easy to forgive someone that hurts you, even when they say they're sorry. But forgiveness can be easier when you remember one big truth. We don't forgive others because they ask for it. We forgive others because God forgives us.

When it comes to forgiveness, God went first! Jesus made a way for everyone who believes in Him to be forgiven.

Think about someone who might have hurt you this week. Are you still holding on to your anger? Take time to pray and ask God to help you replace that anger with kindness and forgiveness. Thank God for choosing to forgive you too.

DAY 2

#### **Read Colossians 3:13**

Today's verse gives us a plan for how we can think about others. Others might annoy us, but we get to choose how we respond. Instead of staying annoyed, we can choose to let it go.

#### Finish It

Finish each word of the verse with its correct ending from the box below. Use another sheet of paper if needed.

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#### Read Luke 17:4

#### **Multiples of Seven**

In the space below, fill in the blank multiples of 7:

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When it comes to forgiveness, is there ever a limit?

If someone is consistently being unkind without apologizing or trying to change their behavior, then it's time find a trusted adult. But for everyday mistakes that most everyone makes, Jesus wants us to forgive. Why? Because God forgives us! God's forgiveness has no limits. If we mess up 7 times or 77 times, God will forgive. All we need to do is ask! So instead of keeping score this week, ask God to help you forgive.

#### Read Psalm 130:3

Have you ever played a game of Taboo? In Taboo, if you say one of the words listed on the card, a fellow player gets to push the red buzzer. That annoying sound lets you and everyone else know that you messed up.

Imagine if God had a buzzer like that. What if God pushed it so that everyone could hear it every time you mess up?

Thankfully, that's not what God does with us. Instead of keeping track to punish us, God chooses to forgive us when we need it most. Because of Jesus, forgiveness is available to everyone.

The next time you do something wrong and you need forgiveness, think about that annoying buzzer sound. Be honest with God about what you've done and be thankful God forgives you.

## Forgive others because God forgives you.