

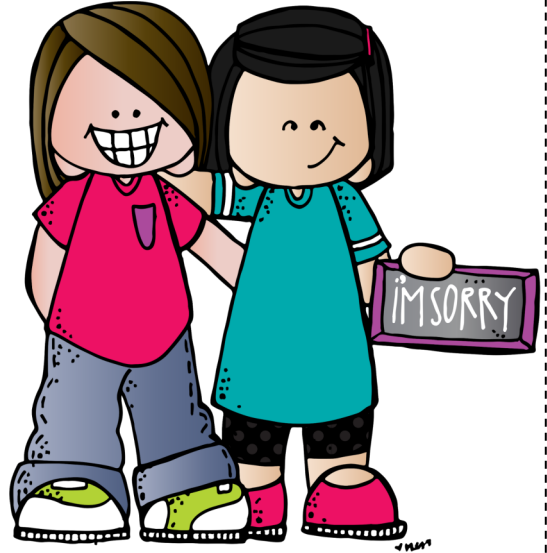
# Faith Builders: Forgiveness!

*Parents, you are welcome to use these ideas to help build your child's faith and encouraging them to become lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.*

## **Quick Pick**

Children love to hear stories about their parents' experiences. Tell your child a story about a time you had to be forgiven or had to forgive someone else.

Think about a time someone hurt your feelings or was mean to you. What did you want to do? Invite children to respond.



***“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13***



## **Key Word**

Forgive means to be kind when someone has been mean to you.

## **Fun at Home:**

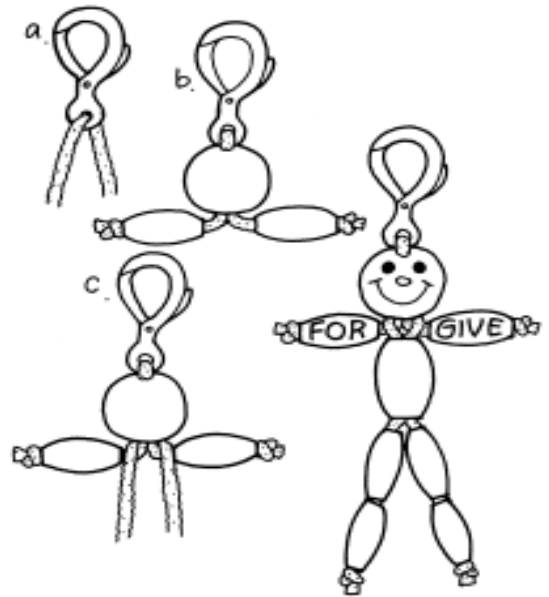
Help each other memorize Colossians 3:13 and have some fun at the same time. Print the words of the verse on masking tape with enough space between the words to tear them into separate pieces. One person hides the separate pieces of tape by slightly placing them on objects around the house. Then see how fast other family members can find all the pieces of tape and put them in order.

Now, Do the Craft activity provided and/or the game!

## GETTING CRAFTY:

### What Each Child Needs:

Two 30.5-cm pieces of chenille wire  
Medium-size metal lobster claw  
Variety of round and oval-shaped wooden beads  
Scissors  
Fine-tipped permanent marker



### What Each Child Does:

1. Thread one end of chenille wire through the small hole at the base of the metal lobster claw (see sketch a). Make sure the chenille wire is equal length. Thread both ends of the chenille wire through a large or medium round-shaped wooden bead for the head.
2. Separate the two pieces of chenille wire and thread one small oval-shaped wooden bead to one piece of the chenille wire. Thread another small oval-shaped wooden bead through the other piece of chenille wire to make arms. Tie knots in both ends of chenille wire to secure the beads (see sketch b). Cut off excess chenille wire.
3. Use second piece of chenille wire to loop around wire in between arms. Make sure the chenille wire is equal length after looping around arms (see sketch c). Thread both ends of the chenille wire through a medium oval-shaped wooden bead to serve as the torso.
4. Separate the two pieces of chenille wire. Thread two small oval-shaped wooden beads (use the same size beads you used for the arms) through one end of chenille wire. Thread two more small oval-shaped wooden beads through the other piece of chenille wire. Tie knots in both ends of chenille wire to secure the beads. Cut off excess chenille wire.

# GETTING ACTIVE

## What You Need

Masking tape  
Large paper plates



## What You Do

1. Let's play a game while we think of ways to forgive others. Divide into two equal teams. Use masking tape to make two lines approximately 3 m apart. Each team lines up behind one of the lines. Give each team two paper plates. At your signal, the first person on each team stands on the paper plates and moves towards the other group's line by sliding feet on paper plates. After reaching the line, the player picks up the paper plates, runs back to the team and hands the paper plates to the next player in line.
2. When both teams have completed the relay, a volunteer from each team stands together between the two lines. Volunteer from the first team to finish the relay tells a situation in which forgiveness needs to be shown ("someone lied," "broke someone's CD player," "lost a friend's soccer ball"). Volunteer from other team tells a way to either ask for or to give forgiveness in the situation ("offer to pay for something which was broken," "smile and talk to someone to show kindness," "say, 'I'm sorry,' " "promise to tell the truth"). Discuss situations and responses.
3. Repeat the relay as time permits. Vary the relay by challenging children to move sideways or backwards.

**Have Fun!**