

The Forgiving Father

When we say or do something that is wrong; something that hurts others and makes them sad, then we need to do something to make things better. We can't just wait and hope that it goes away by itself. We need to say we are sorry, and then try and not do it again to show that we mean what we say. We also need to say we are sorry to God for spoiling what he has made, by not caring for ourselves, others, or the world, as we should.

Our story today says that God is like the father of the son who did wrong; always ready to forgive us when we turn to him indeed once he sees us even starting to say sorry he runs towards us with arms open wide to welcome us.

Story: [The Prodigal Son](#) - Saddleback kids

Craft: See attached sheet and try out one of the ideas on the Forgiving Father craft page.



Song time: [You forgive me](#) - Lifetree Kids



See attached sheet for 'Bubble prayers' activity

Prayer Time:

Loving God it is sometimes hard to say sorry and to admit that we have done wrong.

Help us to be humble enough to ask for forgiveness and to offer it to others when they say they are sorry to us.

And then help us to be better, not to make the same mistake again, whilst always knowing that if we do you are still ready to forgive us and help us once more.

Amen.

Song time: - [Don't forget to remember](#) - Ellie Holcomb

Activity: Colour in the poster - SundaySchool Zone.

Hang it in your room to remind you how important it is to forgive others.

Forgiving Father Craft ideas





BUBBLE PRAYERS

Tell God something you need to say Sorry for.

Blow some bubbles and watch them float away and pop as a sign that God forgives you and you can start again.

Bubble mixture

Makes 350ml

Prep 5 minutes

- 50ml washing-up liquid (one part)
- 300ml water (six parts)

1. Measure the washing-up liquid into a container, such as a jam jar or glass bottle.

2. Slowly add in the water, being careful not to create too many bubbles at this stage. Gently stir the mixture together to combine - a chopstick is perfect for this.

3. If you can, let the bubble mixture rest before using it, as it will make your bubbles even better.

4. When you're ready, dip your bubble wand into the mixture and start blowing bubbles!

Homemade bubble wands

If you don't have a wand from a store-bought pot of bubbles, don't despair! You can have fun by looking for different items around the house that can be used to make bubbles. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Paperclips - bend them into wands or use as they are
- Straws
- Biscuit cutters
- Pipe cleaners

Forgiveness Coloring Page

