

# FORGIVE; TO BE FORGIVEN

Children's liturgy activity September 13<sup>th</sup> , 2020



## VERSES OF THE WEEK



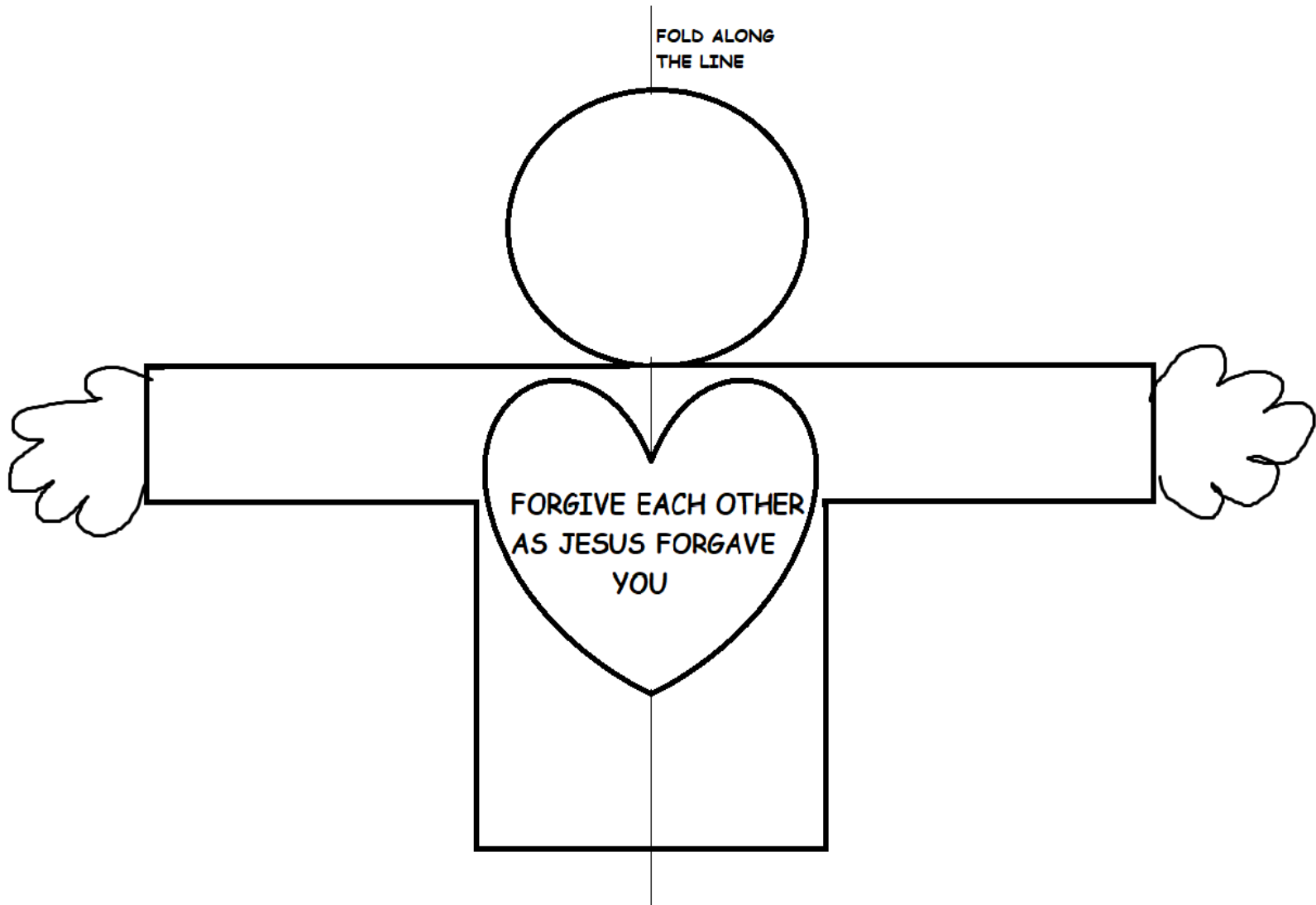
### Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his friends about forgiveness. Peter asks him how many times he must forgive, is seven times enough? To make them understand about the importance of forgiveness, Jesus narrated the parable of the unforgiving servant. In the parable, we see that, when the servant pleaded to the king, he cancelled off all his debts out of compassion. But the forgiven servant failed to treat his friend who owed him a debt, in the same way that he was forgiven. He maltreats him and puts him in prison. The other servants who saw this, report his actions to the king, who takes back the offer of mercy from the forgiven servant because of his rude behaviour to his friend and puts him in prison.

Through the parable, Jesus reveals the extent to which the followers of Jesus must forgive each other'. They must forgive each other from their heart, for themselves to be forgiven by the heavenly father.

So, let us take Jesus' message into our heart and change our lives. Let us pray to the lord for the grace of forgiveness; bearing in mind that we are forgiven by our Father in Heaven who gave his only son Jesus as a price to deliver us from sins. But we can get this forgiveness only when we forgive others. Let us pray as Jesus taught ' forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespasses against us'. Lord give us the grace to forgive each other. Amen






**CUT OUT THE TEMPLATE, DRAW YOUR FACE, STICK ON A CARD, COLOUR AND DECORATE IT. KEEP IT ON YOUR TABLE.**

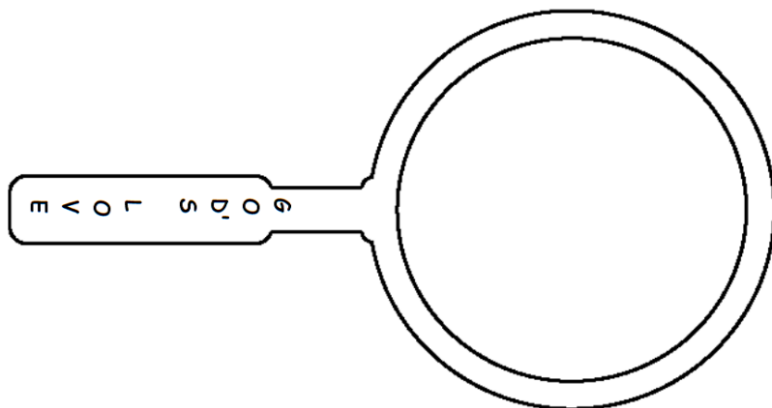


**STRETCH YOUR HANDS WIDE LIKE JESUS ON CROSS TO OPEN WIDE YOUR HEART AND FORGIVE EACH OTHER.**

**SCAN YOUR HEARTS WITH THE LENS OF GODS LOVE, STRIKE DOWN ALL THE BUGS THAT LEAD YOU TO UNFORGIVENESS INSIDE YOUR HEART AND KEEP IN GODS LOVE.**



- SELFISH 
- GREEDY 
- JEALOUSY 
- HATRED 
- LOVE 



**CUT OUT THE MAGNIFYING GLASS OF GODS LOVE AND SCAN THROUGH YOUR HEART.**

## VERSE HUNT

1. 'be ----- to one another, tender -----, ----- one another, as God in ----- has ----- you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

2. '----- with one another and, if anyone has a ----- against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has -----you, so you also must -----' (Colossians 3:13)

3. 'For if you ----- others their -----, your heavenly Father will also ----- you;' (Matthew 6:14)

## CHECK YOURSELVES

### WERE WE ABLE TO FORGIVE TODAY?

IF NOT TRY THIS 5 STEPS

1. BRING JESUS ON CROSS TO OUR MIND  
THINK HOW MUCH HE SUFFERED?  
THINK HOW HE FORGAVE EVERYONE.  
THINK HOW JESUS PRAYED "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing"
2. NOW LET US REMIND OURSELVES THAT WE ARE FORGIVEN BY OUR PARENTS, OUR FRIENDS ABOVE ALL BY GOD.
3. BRING TO YOUR MIND THE PERSON THAT YOU HAVE TO FORGIVE. PRAY 'DEAR LORD, FORGIVE ME MY SINS AS I FORGIVE (NAME OF THE PERSON)'
4. PRAY TO HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL YOU WITH GRACE OF FORGIVENESS
5. NEXT DAY IF POSSIBLE DO AN ACT OF FORGIVENESS TO THE PERSON. ( A SMILE, SAY ITS OK, OR PRAY FOR THEM)

