

Elementary Discussion Questions

March 22

- 1) What is one way you respond when you've done something wrong?
- 2) When has someone forgiven you? Encourage kids to share examples and talk about how it felt to be forgiven.
- 3) What about when you've forgiven someone else? How do you think they felt?
- 4) What can it cost you to hold a grudge? For example, what might you miss out on if you decided to hold a grudge and not forgive a friend?
- 5) What if a friend says something unkind to you and they never say they are sorry? Do you still forgive them? Do you only forgive someone if they ask you?
- 6) In Jesus' parable, how does the Father's forgiveness remind us of God's forgiveness to us? (God doesn't make us earn or pay for His love and forgiveness – He gives it freely, God wants to be in relationship with us – He is waiting to forgive and welcome us into His family, Because of Jesus, we don't have to pay for our sin or earn our way back to God's love - we can be forgiven just by repenting and asking for His forgiveness! God celebrates when we turn from our sin and ask for His forgiveness.)

[Make it Personal] Be prepared to share an age-appropriate story about a time when you were forgiven by someone or when you forgave someone who wronged you. Was it hard? How did you feel? How did God use that experience to make you more like Jesus?