

When children and parents have faith discussions regularly, faith multiplies.



Faith at Home

Parent Handout

Theme of the Sunday: Forgiveness

Verse of the Sunday: ... “But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.”

Luke 15:22-24

Message/Moral of the day: In this parable the father in the story is just like God. This is how God would be if we ran away from him and we started doing things we shouldn't. He doesn't give up on us when we do things that are wrong, and he will always forgive us if we've truly changed and repent for what we've done.

Jesus told this story to show the kind of love God has for his children. When one of God's children strays away, He always welcomes him or her with open arms when s/he returns home. Aren't you glad that you have a heavenly Father who loves you, even when you may not deserve it? I am!

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- Talk with your child/ren about forgiveness. Define it in your own words.
- Share a story of you being able to forgive, or maybe not...
- If we be to forgive, as our Heavenly Father does, brainstorm ways to forgive others.

Prayer & Worship: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your unfailing love. We are thankful that even when we stray, you welcome us home with open arms. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Liturgical Calendar: March 4th **Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem**, was born in Jerusalem in the year 315 and was raised in strict Christian piety. Upon reaching the age of maturity, he became a monk, and in the year 346 he became a presbyter. In the year 350, upon the death of Archbishop Maximus, he succeeded him on the episcopal throne of Jerusalem. As Patriarch of Jerusalem, Saint Cyril zealously fought against the heresies of Arius and Macedonius.