

Dear Parents,

I will miss seeing you and your child(ren) in person for the rest of March, but I'm glad we are all staying safe. I hope you find this Interactive Bible Study from HCKids for you and your child(ren) to do together for March 22nd - April 4th helpful and enjoyable.

There are "hard copy packets" available to pick up at church that contain copies of conversation starters, activities, coloring pages, "God Time" pages, and any required materials for crafts etc.

Please use the enclosed resources to accommodate your family needs and personal style. Please feel free to pick and choose which activities you would like to do. **Let your child know that for each activity they choose to complete they will receive 1 point to spend at the "Store" when we resume normal life.** ☺ Please feel free to email me at losborne@hillcrestcov.org with any questions, praise reports, prayer requests, or to let me know how many points your child earned this week!

Video links will be provided each week at : hillcrestcov.org Go to menu: HCKids and click on "Connect with HCKids from Home" tab at the bottom of the page.

Don't forget to also check out the valuable resource: Right Now Media. You can access this through the church website: hillcrestcov.org Scroll to the very bottom and click on "Right Now Media Resource" button.

My prayer for your family and loved ones:

"He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:4

Please tell your child I miss seeing them and that Miss Lisa says, "Hi!"

With you through it all,
Lisa Osborne
HCKids Elementary Coordinator

Kindergarten/First Grade Activities for March 29- April 4th

I Don't Want to Miss a Thing

Bible Story: I Don't Want to Miss a Thing (Father and Older Brother) • *Luke 15:21-32*

Bottom Line: When you don't forgive, you miss out.

Memory Verse: *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIV)*

Life App: Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

Basic Truth: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

1. Watch Videos – Check your email for the video link for the week or call me at (916)901-2314

2. Blocking the Fun:

What You Need: Large stackable items such as Mega Bloks[®], LEGO[®] blocks, or books, music

What You Do:

- Set out your stackable items.
- Have your child hold their arms out while you (or a sibling) stacks blocks onto their arms.
- Stack the blocks not too heavy, but heavy enough to where it is a little tricky to move.
- Play some music and tell your child to try and dance.
- Give them a few minutes to try and dance holding the blocks.
- Switch partners and give them a chance to stack the blocks and dance.

What You Say

“It is kinda tricky to hold the blocks and dance at the same time, right? In our story today, the older brother couldn't celebrate forgiveness because he was too busy holding things against his younger brother. It is just like the older brother was holding lots of heavy blocks so they got in the way of him celebrating! When we choose to forgive others, it is like dropping all of this heavy weight. When we choose not to forgive, the heavy stuff keeps us from celebrating or simply having a good day.

“Let's think about some times this might happen to us - Help your child apply this concept to their world.

Brainstorm with your child – Possible scenarios:

- Maybe you're so mad that your little brother tore up your favorite book that you scream at him, get in trouble with your parents, and miss out on a play date with your best friend.
- Maybe you're so upset that your mom forgot she had a meeting when she had promised you would have family movie night tonight, and you spend the whole evening pouting and thinking mean thoughts about her instead of simply enjoying spending time with the rest of your family.
- Or what if you don't get that really expensive gift you wanted for your birthday, so you refuse to play with the toys you DID get and won't talk to anyone at your party? Remember that **[Bottom Line]** when you don't forgive, you miss out.”

[Make It Personal] (Tell a child-appropriate story about a time when you missed out on celebrating because you didn't forgive. Share about how that made you feel and how you eventually came around.)

3. Memory Verse Hide and Seek:

What You Do:

- Have your child look up Colossians 3:13 and read it aloud.
- Write out the verse on paper scraps—two or three words per scrap of paper.
- Count the paper scraps.
- When you finish, fold the papers in half and have your child cover their eyes as you hide them around your area.
- Once all the words are hidden, challenge your kid to find all of the paper scraps and put the verse in order.

4. Color a Picture of the Bible Story

5. Journal Entry Page

6. Suggested Prayer Time:

What You Need: Party Blowers

- As a family shout out things we can celebrate about God.
 - They may need some prompting at first.
 - You can start by saying a few things yourself, such as:
 - He made us
 - He loves us
 - He forgives us, etc.
- After each one, blow your party blowers.

Suggested Prayer:

“Let’s pray and thank God for all that He does for us and then we can celebrate! Dear God, thank You so much for forgiving us no matter what and teaching us to forgive others. We love You so much. Amen!”

“It is so amazing that God forgives us, and I think it’s also amazing that He gives us the ability to forgive others. This week, remember **[Bottom Line] when you don’t forgive, you miss out.**”

7. God Time Paper for daily follow-up throughout the week.