

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 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Activities for March 29 – April 4<sup>th</sup>

## 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 – Please check your email for the video link for the week or call me at (916) 901-2314

### 2. Bible Story Review Questions –

Talk about the choices the older brother in our story made today.

- How did the father react when his son returned? (*He forgave him and threw a huge party to celebrate his son's return*)
- Where was the older brother when the younger son returned? (*Working in the field*)
- How did the older brother react when he found out that the party was for his younger brother who'd returned home? (*He was angry*)
- What did the older brother say to the father? (*"All these years I have worked, I've obeyed. You've never thrown me a party."*)
- Why do you think the older brother was SO mad? Can you relate to this?
- Why do you think the father celebrated in such a big way?

### 3. Conversation Suggestions –

#### What You Say:

"I can relate to the older brother in this story. He's right; he was the one who had stayed, the one who worked hard and honored his dad. But he missed out. Because he thought it was more important to be right than to forgive, he missed the opportunity to celebrate his brother's return. Sometimes we do the same thing. We want to make a point or prove that we're right and the other person is wrong. But in the end, your friendship is WAY more important than winning an argument. We need to offer forgiveness when someone apologizes and means it. Because **[Bottom Line] when you don't forgive, you miss out.**"

"The older brother missed out on a super fun party. Why? Because, unlike his father, he refused to forgive. What could we miss out on when we refuse to forgive? (*Pause for responses.*) Refusing to forgive could cause you to miss out on a friendship! One thing that's super important to remember is that NO one is perfect. We all mess up sometimes. We all say things we don't really mean or do things that hurt others. Hopefully when that happens, like in the story Jesus told, the other person apologizes. And in that case, we should offer forgiveness for sure. Remember, **[Bottom Line] when you don't forgive, you miss out.**"

**[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time when you refused to forgive someone as a kid and you missed out. What happened as a result of choosing to stay mad?)**

#### 4. Memory Verse Building

**What You Need:** Large popsicle sticks, a Bible, “Memory Verse Phrases”, scissors, glue stick

**What You Do:**

- Ask your child to open the Bible to Colossians 3:13 and read it aloud.
- Give them a set of “Memory Verse Phrases,” seven popsicle sticks, glue, and scissors.
- Instruct them to cut out the phrases and glue each one onto a popsicle stick.
- When finished, encourage your kid to stack their sticks any way they choose to “build” the verse.

**What You Say:**

“Forgiveness is important! And we know that’s true because God is the ultimate forgiver! This verse is such a great one to remember always. You can use these sticks and build this verse over and over again as you remember to forgive as God forgives you. Let’s choose to forgive and fix the relationships with the people around us, with God’s help. Because **[Bottom Line] when you don’t forgive, you miss out.**”

#### 5. Color a picture of the Story

#### 6. Review the Bottom Lines for the month:

1. Forgive Others Because God Forgives You
2. When You Forgive Others, It Can Change Them
3. Take the First Step to Forgive Others
4. Everyone Needs to be Forgiven
5. When You Don’t Forgive, You Miss Out

#### 7. Journal Entry Page

#### 8. Suggested Prayer

“Heavenly Father, thank You for always offering forgiveness to us, just like the father in this story Jesus told. When we feel like holding onto anger like the older brother, would you please help us choose to forgive instead? We definitely need Your help to do that. We love and trust You, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

#### 9. “God Time” paper for daily follow-up throughout the week.