



Aim: To help your child to understand that the right thing to do when we have offended someone is to ask for forgiveness.



Note to the Parent:

- Today we are going to play a game of “Asking for Forgiveness”. Cut out each of the situations.
- It is important for your child to ask for forgiveness when he/she offends another.

Parent: Welcome the child and other members of the family and gather them in a circle in the room.

- Invite the child and the family members to talk about:
- Is it easy to say “sorry” to someone?
- Allow each one to share their views!
- Sum up their reactions without making any judgments on them, right or wrong!

Cut out these “situations”.

I told lies about a friend

I used bad words to a friend

I knocked down a member of the opposite team during a game

Parent: Let’s play a game of “Asking for Forgiveness”:

- Cut out the “situations” listed on the side of this page.
- Place them upside down on the table.
- Invite one member of the family to pick a “situation”.
- He/she tells the others the “situation”.
- He/she asks for forgiveness SAYING WHY.
- All forgive him/her!
- The next family member now picks a situation and the process is repeated.

Discussion:

Parent: Invite the child and the family members to discuss:

- Is it always easy to ask for forgiveness?
- Why can this be so?
- Allow a free discussion on these questions.
- Make no comment on the contributions of each one, other than to recognise their opinions.

Parent: Now tell all:

- When the good thief said to Jesus on the cross: **“Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”**
- Jesus answered: **“This day you will be with me in paradise.”**

Parent: Now ask:

- Is it easy to say sorry to God?
- Why is this so?

Celebration:

Parent

- ❖ Think of the good thief asking Jesus for forgiveness:
- ❖ Sing together, repeating several times: **“Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”**
- ❖ All make a gesture of forgiveness.

If possible some cool juice all round!

