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!

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.

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

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!