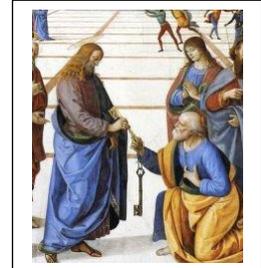




Aim: To help your child to discover ways of Receiving and Accepting Forgiveness.

Note to the Parent: Today we are going to play a game of “Receiving Forgiveness”. Cut out each of the “situations”.

The best way to accept and receive forgiveness is to thank the person who forgives.



Cut out these “situations”.

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 complete the sentence: “FORGIVENESS IS...”

You told lies about a me. I forgive you

Parent: Invite everyone to play a game of “Receiving 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 selects one of the family whom they will forgive.
- The one who is forgiven responds to the one who forgives him/her.
- The next family member now picks a situation and the process is repeated. (take turns in doing this).

You knocked me down a member of the team during a game. I forgive you.

Discussion:

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

- Is it always easy to receive forgiveness?
- Why can this be so?
- Allow a free discussion on these questions.
- What can we do to thank the one who forgives you?

You are finding it difficult to accept forgiveness from me. But still I forgive you.

Parent: Helped by the family members, share the following: (*P = Parent, M = Other Members of the Family*)

(See: Matthew 16:18 & John 21:15-17):



P. Jesus had made Peter the future leader of his followers – the Church.

M. Jesus said to Simon: **“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church...”** (Matthew 16:18).

P. Yet Peter denied Jesus three times when Jesus was on trial.

M. After he rose from the dead, Jesus forgave Peter and restored him as head of his Followers – the Church.

P. The Risen Jesus said to Simon: **“Feed my lambs...”** (John 21:15).

Parent: How do you think Peter felt? Allow for answers.

Celebration:

Parent:

- How can we thank God when he forgives us?
- Give us some examples.

❖ Sing together, repeating several times: **“God forgave my sins in Jesus’ name! I am born again in Jesus’ name!”**

All conclude with **“Thank you, Jesus Amen”**.

If possible some cool juice all round!

