

✦ FORGIVE US ✦



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– MATTHEW 6:12

LORD’S PRAYER 6

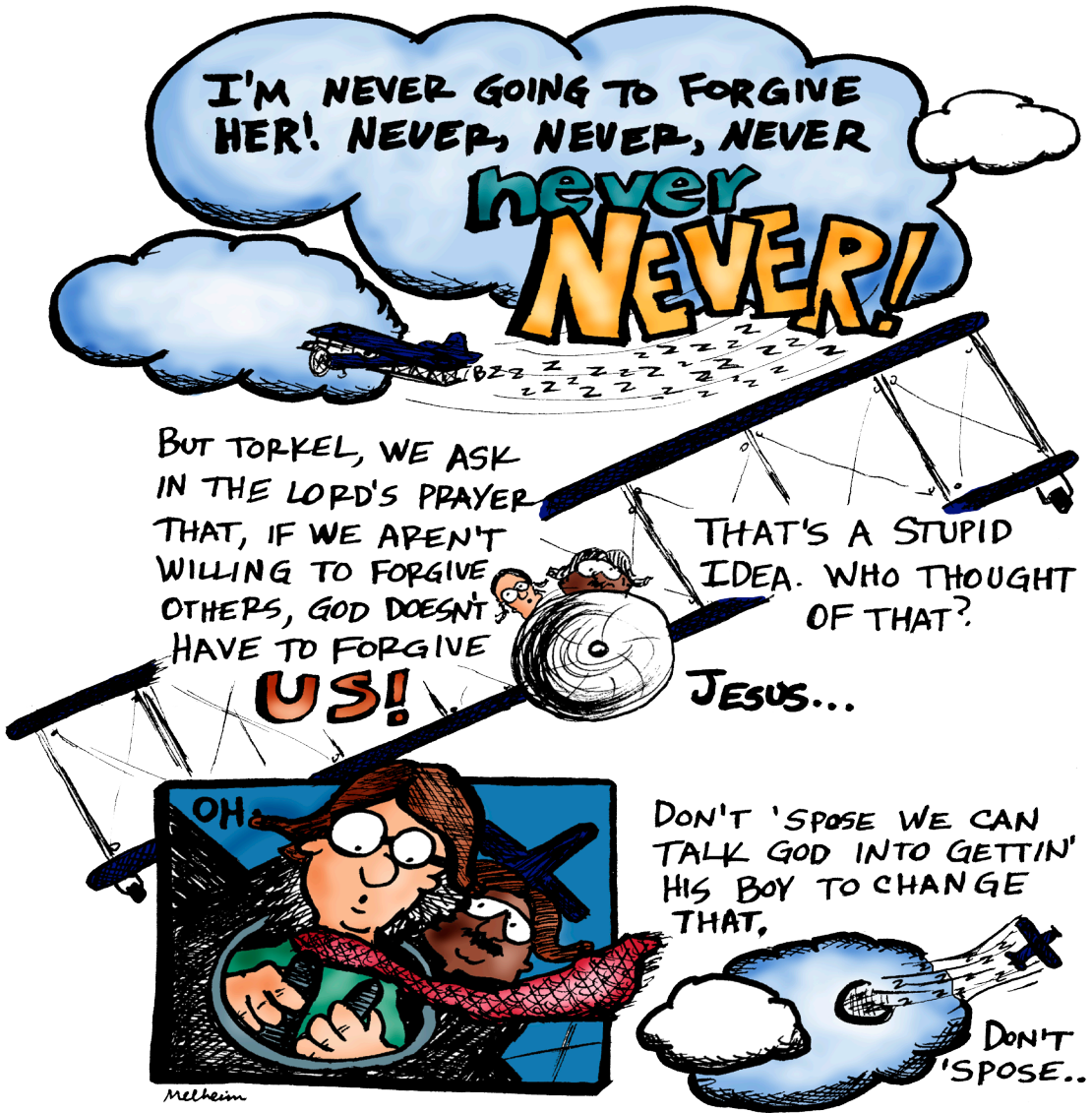


LIVING FAITH SERIES



SMALL GROUP

FAITH 5 TIME HANDOUT



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THE FAITH 5

SHARE, READ, TALK, PRAY, BLESS



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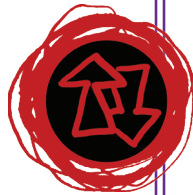
THEME VERSE

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FAITH 5™ TIME

Model this five-step process at church today, then bring it on home!



SHARE *your highs and lows of the week one-on-one with another person. Listen carefully and record their thoughts in the space below. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows with the group.*

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ *and highlight the theme verse in your Bible.*



CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Excerpts from the Large Catechism

This petition has to do with our poor, miserable life. Although we have God's Word and believe, although we obey and submit to his will and are supported by God's gift and blessing, nevertheless we are not without sin (432:86).

Here again there is great need to call upon God and pray, "Dear Father, forgive us our debts." Not that he does not forgive sin even without and before our prayer; and he gave us the Gospel, in which there is nothing but forgiveness, before we prayed or even thought of it. But the point here is for us to recognize and accept this forgiveness. For the flesh in which we daily live is of such a nature that it does not trust and believe God and is constantly aroused by evil desires and devices, so that we sin daily in word and deed, in acts of commission and omission. Thus our conscience becomes restless; it fears God's wrath and displeasure, and so it loses the comfort and confidence of the Gospel. Therefore it is necessary constantly to turn to this petition for the comfort that will restore our conscience (432:88-89).

Prayer to Close our time

May God, who gives us all things, including our daily bread, continue to bless us. Amen.





TALK *about how today's verse relates to your highs and lows. Then choose from the options below and have some fun digging deeper into the theme together. Take turns leading this.*

✦ ART ATTACK & MINDZEYE GALLERY

*What do you see in today's theme art or your own drawings?
How do the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
How do they relate to your highs and lows?*

✦ ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. A friend took money from a club at school and told everyone you did it. Now your classmates all think you are a thief. The friend comes to you asking for forgiveness. What do you say?
2. You have been abused by a relative. They are threatening you not to go public. They say you must forgive them if you are a Christian. What do you say? What do you do?

✦ QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Share your thoughts on the questions below

1. What does forgiveness have to do with mental and physical health?
2. Why do you think Jesus added "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" to the Lord's Prayer?
3. Make a list of two people you need to forgive and two who need to forgive you. To whom will you speak first? Why?

✦ QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation on the right and share why you chose it.

QUOTATIONS TO CHEW ON

THE PERSON WHO PURSUES REVENGE SHOULD DIG TWO GRAVES.

OLD PROVERB

THE WEAK CAN NEVER FORGIVE. FORGIVENESS IS THE ATTRIBUTE OF THE STRONG.

MAHATMA GANDHI

ALWAYS FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES—NOTHING ANNOYS THEM SO MUCH.

OSCAR WILDE

FORGIVENESS IS ONE OF THE MANY HORRIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF LOVING SOMEONE.

RANDY K. MILHOLLAND



Play this online game using FINKlink
LPO6 @ www.faithink.com

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN? THAT'S HOW MANY TIMES I AM TO FORGIVE? BUT BY THE TIME I GET HALF WAY THROUGH I'LL LOSE COUNT AND HAVE TO START ALL... ALL... HEY! WAIT A MINUTE.



✦ TERMS Write a group definition of these words:

CONSEQUENCE

DEBT

FORGIVE

GRACE

TRESPASS



PRAY

for one another. Gather in a circle and lock arms. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask God to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

A PRAISING PRAYER

A THANKING PRAYER

AN ASKING PRAYER



BLESS

one another by name. Trace the sign of the cross on a forehead or palm as you share these words or another favorite blessing:

“(NAME), CHILD OF GOD, MAY YOU BE AS GRACIOUS AND FORGIVING AS JESUS IS TO YOU.”

**✦ REMEMBER
1 THING**

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, “Forgive us as we forgive others.” There is joy, health and wisdom in living a forgiven and forgiving lifestyle.



FORGIVE US

Keep your family communicating every night and grow together in insight, love and your understanding of one another and God. Try this simple five-step process just before bed for maximum impact. New to the process? Focus on step 1 initially, and grow from there. Check out www.faithink.com, FINKlink LF16 for additional games, songs, and devotions on this theme.



SHARE your highs and lows of the day.



READ and highlight these verses—one a day—in your Bible.

WEEK 1

- Day 1 Matthew 6:12
- Day 2 Matthew 18:21-22
- Day 3 Romans 12:17
- Day 4 Luke 23:34
- Day 5 Luke 6:41
- Day 6 Matthew 18:33
- Day 7 Review - Matthew 6:12

WEEK 2

- Day 1 Matthew 5:43-44
- Day 2 Psalm 51:1
- Day 3 Psalm 13:1
- Day 4 Romans 3:23
- Day 5 Genesis 4:13
- Day 6 Nehemiah 9:17b
- Day 7 Review - Matthew 6:12



TALK about your highs and lows in relation to the verse for the day. Ask “How does this verse relate to our highs and lows?” and “What might God be saying to us today?”



PRAY for one another. Praise and thank God for today's highs. Ask for help with today's lows. Include highs and lows of your family, friends and world in this prayer. Close in Jesus' name.



BLESS one another using the following blessing, marking one another with the sign of the cross:

“(NAME), CHILD OF GOD, MAY YOU BE AS GRACIOUS AND FORGIVING AS JESUS IS TO YOU.”

FAMILY COVENANT: *We have shared the FAITH 5™ together as a family this week.*

Parent's Signature

Teen's Signature

Date