



LEADER DEVOTIONAL

I am always amazed (and a little baffled) when I hear “forgiveness stories.” You know — the stories of unbelievable forgiveness that one person extends to another. The victim of a heinous crime who forgives the criminal, the abused who forgives the abuser. These stories are, to me, the greatest witness of the Christian faith. How else could we truly forgive if not from Christ’s presence in our lives?

Our verse for this weekend comes from Colossians 3:13: “Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

If you’re anything like me, you find that while forgiveness is one of the most powerful testimonies of our faith, it is also one of the hardest to put into practice. Let’s try to grow in our forgiveness together this week. Sometime today, think of one person you have a hard time forgiving. Plug that person’s name into our verse and let it be your prayer this week.

“Lord, help me forgive _____ as You forgave me.”

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GO! Team Member

Sunday Check-In

Sunday morning check-in to build connection, encourage spiritual growth, and reinforce our expectations upstairs.

1. Check-In (5–7 min):

Ask each child:

- What was a high from your week?
- What was a low from your week?
- Any prayer requests?

(Feel free to share your own too!)

2. Rule Reminder (2–3 min):

Go over our 3 rules for upstairs:

1. Respect God – Worship, listen, use kind words
2. Respect People – Be kind, share, follow leaders
3. Respect the Building – Take care of the space & supplies

Thanks for leading with love and consistency!

