

SUNDAY SCHOOL TAKE HOME PAGE

To parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned in Sunday school today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson. Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you.

What we learned:



Today the children learned from the Old Testament Bible story of Joseph how to choose love and forgiveness over getting even. Love covers all sins and wrongdoings. Although we are sinners, God loves us so much He gave His only Son to die in our place. So if we do not forgive others, how can we say that we love God? (Scripture used: Genesis 37:12-28, 42:1-8, 45:1-15)

Memory Verse:



"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV**

Today, the children continued memorizing 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, concentrating on verse 6 (displayed in bold above). Practice this verse several times with your child during the week in addition to the verses learned from previous weeks. Encourage your child to memorize the full passage if possible.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Together, read **Matthew 18:21-35** (any version except NIV will have the best impact.) Then grab a bag of dried beans or peas etc. First have your child count out seven (7) beans. This is what Peter asked of Jesus, "How many times shall I forgive my brother...seven times?" Then count out the number that Jesus gave in his reply, "not seven times, but seventy times seven" that is 490 beans. Afterwards, discuss what this means when it comes to forgiving. Is it really possible to forgive one person that many times? How? Can you be angry and still forgive?



Daily Prayer:

Dear God, help me show my love for You by being forgiving. Whether someone does wrong to me by accident or on purpose, let me have a forgiving heart, not one of revenge. Just like Jesus forgives all my sins, let me forgive others as many times as it takes. Amen.