

GRADE 2  
CHAPTER Nine  
God's Mercy

Objectives

- To learn the meaning of forgiveness
- To understand that Jesus asks us to forgive
- To identify practical images of forgiveness in daily life

Step One: Invite: Name your personal experience

- Tell stories about the most recent time you forgave someone and, a time when someone forgave you. What did each time feel like?
- Write a "forgiveness letter" to someone who needs your forgiveness. Don't forget to mail it.
- Complete the activity on p. 115

Step Two: Explore: Understand the meaning of God's Word

- Discuss what Jesus wanted people to know about God.
- Read Luke 15:11-32 and complete the activity on p. 111
- What does Jesus want you to learn about forgiveness? [Ans. On p. 113]
- Complete the activity on p. 116 and when you are finished, make a list of all the different ways you can show forgiveness. [Hints on p. 112-113]

Step Three: Celebrate: Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving

- Read the story of Pope John Paul II on p. 116
- Close with the family prayer on p. 116

Faith Activities: Tips

- Throughout each chapter, there will be sections marked "Activity."
- Feel free to choose as many activities as you wish to share with your family. At a minimum, choose one activity above and beyond what might be mentioned in Steps 1-3.
- Follow the directions for the activity, share popcorn or a treat, relax and enjoy it.
- Post any artwork until the next lesson and then use the next chapter's activity to take its place.