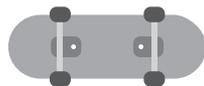




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WEEK 1

1 THESSALONIANS 5:15

Forgiveness helps you get over it.

WEEK 2

MATTHEW 18:26B-28; ROMANS 5:8

Forgiveness helps you forgive.

WEEK 3

MATTHEW 18:21-22

Forgiveness helps you heal.

TALK ABOUT THIS

WEEK 1: Forgiveness is an abstract concept. And because thinking abstractly requires repetition, processing forgiveness out loud will help your middle schooler learn not just what to think, but *how* to think about forgiveness.

WEEK 2: Middle schoolers won't become self-aware or be able to see themselves from someone else's point of view until puberty. Though the things they need to ask forgiveness for may seem obvious to you, they may not see them as quickly (or at all!) in this phase.

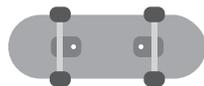
WEEK 3: Feelings are so big, so real, so new, and so intense for middle schoolers. This can make forgiveness difficult for them, as they can't always separate from or even articulate what they're feeling.

REMEMBER THIS

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."
Colossians 3:13 NLT



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DO THIS



MORNING TIME

Ask your kid if there's someone in their life that they're struggling to forgive. Then, say a quick prayer for that person together.



DRIVE TIME

Make a playlist with as many songs about forgiveness, apologies, and letting go that your family can think of to listen to in the car this week.



MEAL TIME

Share a story with your middle schooler about a time you had to choose forgiveness. Tell them what happened, how you felt, and why you ultimately made the choice to forgive.



BED TIME

Make a point this week to offer an apology to your kid for something you may have done that upset or hurt them. Asking for their forgiveness will go a long way in not only showing them what that looks like, but also mending any hurt in your relationship.

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