

Connect with each other:

Game 1: Funny Faces / Sad Faces / Long Faces / Small faces

- Draw on whiteboards or use old file poaches with white paper inside to draw faces on with whiteboard markers—wipe clean with tissues and repeat (You could also do this in the sand / chalkboards)

**Application:**

Did you know God is a “let’s wipe that out” business. Jesus came to teach us about this “ wipe it out” - we call this **FORGIVENESS**.

Connect with the Word:

Start out by reading this week’s memory verse

Col 3: 13 (b) **FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU** and then ask if anyone in the group can explain the word **forgive**. (suggestions: to cancel debt / to not hold something against someone / to not be angry at someone)

This verse tells us **2** great truths about forgiveness that always work together:

1. God forgives +
2. We forgive because God forgives us.

Forgiveness object lesson: cleaning my windows

Cleaning windows: Show the kids that to truly clean the window we need to clean both sides. If I only ever clean the inside—all the dirt on the outside is still there—no matter how clean the window is on the inside—eventually I won’t be able to see anything. Our hearts are just like this window. We dirty our hearts on the inside with our own sin **but** our hearts also get hurt and angry (like the dirt on the outside of the window)because of stuff other people do and say to us. When I ask God to forgive my sin—he cleans my inside window. When I forgive others who hurt me—I clean my outside window. That is the two sides of forgiveness.

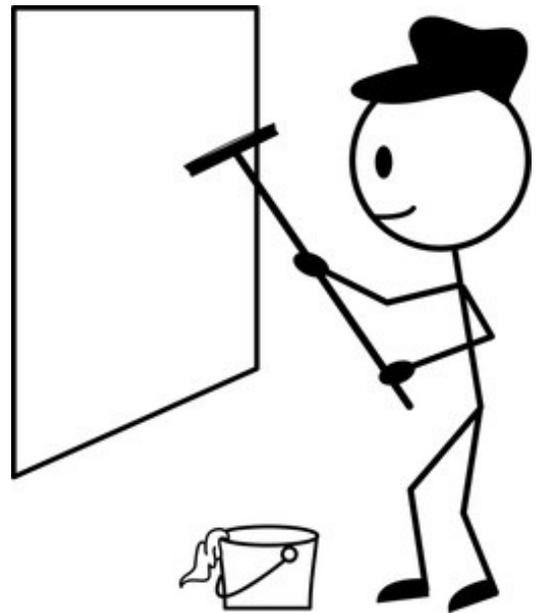
Memory Verse: *Forgive as the LORD forgave you. Col 3:13 (wipe your hand over your heart - remember God wipes out my sin—I can choose to also wipe out hurts and forgive)*

Connect with God:

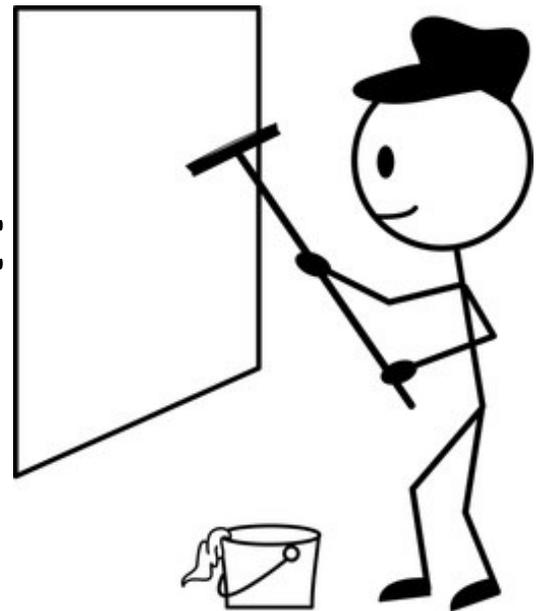
- Reflecting : (Gr R- 5) — see attachment
- Reflecting XP (gr 6,7)—see attachment
- Lead your children in praying today’s bible truths :

Dear Jesus, Thank you that you forgive all my sins every time I ask you to forgive me. I am sorry that I make you sad because I sin. Thank you that you wipe away every sin. I want to be like you and forgive people who hurt me. Amen

Forgive as the
LORD forgave
you. Col 3:13



Soos die Here julle
vergewe het, moet
julle mekaar ook
vergewe. Kol 3:13





Fun Family Time: Clean some windows together and chat about stuff that hurt us / make us mad / sad and encourage each other to forgive as God forgave us.

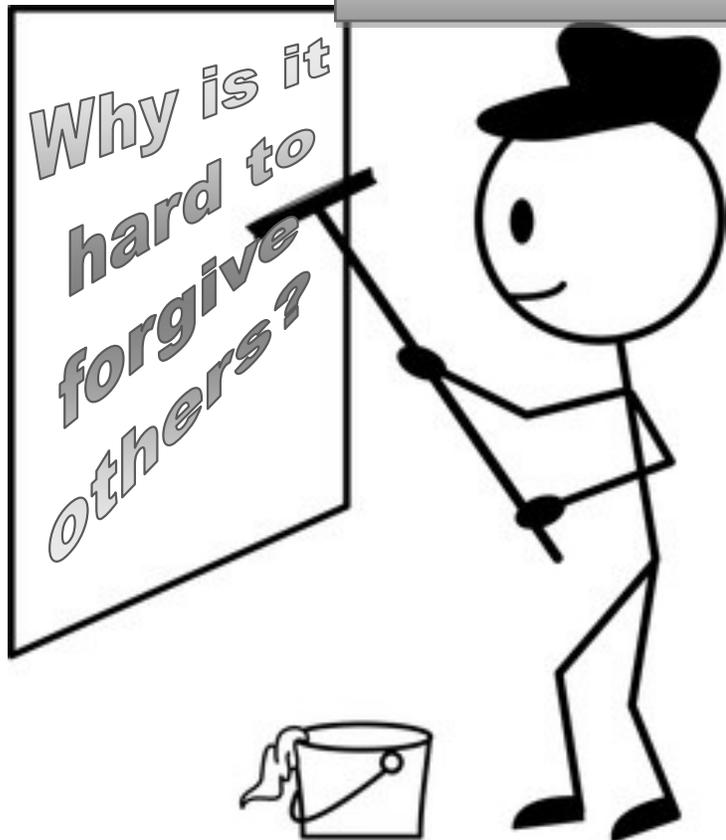


Familie Tyd: Was vensters en gesels oor dinge wat ons seermaak / kwaad maak en vies maak. Moedig mekaar aan om te vergewe soos God ons vergewe



XP Group Notes (Grade 6,7)

Forgive as the LORD forgave you. Col 3:13



What 2 truths are found in this verse?

GOD SAYS:

1.

2.

- Do you think you forgive only when you are not angry or upset with someone?
- What does it mean to hold a grudge?
- Do you think being God' s child will keep you from ever getting hurt or people being mean to you? NO definitely NOT!
- But because we are God' s children we know the best way to handle the stuff that keeps making our windows dirty on the outside! We FORGIVE! WIPE IT AWAY.

Read: Matt 6: 14,15

We know the consequences if we do not choose to forgive! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

Take it into your week:



Offer to clean
some windows!
Just because you
CAN!!!!

**FORGIVE FIRST
YOUR FEELINGS AND
ACTIONS WILL FOLLOW
YOU!**