

Chapter 10

Forgive

You must forgive over and over again.

Matthew 18:22

For the Parents:

In chapter 10 your child learned to:

- Give examples of forgiving words
- Share stories about times he or she has forgiven others
- Explain how often Jesus asks us to forgive

The Great Commandment is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart...’You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (*Mark 12:30—31*). This is often easier to say than to do. Failures to love are common. Yet Jesus tells his followers that they are called to forgive one another as God forgives them. The story in Scripture of the Forgiving Father (*Luke 15:11—32*) and the words of Jesus from the cross, “Father, forgive them” (*Luke 23:34*) speak clearly about the need to forgive and to be forgiven.

When we say to God or to others that we are sorry and ask for forgiveness, we place our trust in their mercy. When we say to others that we forgive them, we model our merciful God who always forgives us.

With Your Child:

1. Look though storybooks. Watch television. Find a story of forgiveness. Remind your child of Jesus’ lesson of forgiveness as you read or watch it.
2. Talk to your family about Peter’s question (“How many times should we forgive?”). Talk about ways that your family can forgive over and over again.
3. Read about Saint Wenceslaus on the Review and Explore page.