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Scripture Verse for the Week:

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– Galatians 2:20 (NCV)

- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
- Commit to memory.

Prayer for this Week:

Lord, you have shown me great forgiveness. Help me to show great love. Amen. (Luke 7:47)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord Jesus, thank you for loving me and giving yourself for me. Please live in me today. Amen. (Galatians 2:20)

A Blessing to Share:

*May God hear your prayers and protect you.
May he give you joy and gladness. Amen. (Psalm 5:1-3,11-12)*

Mealtime Refrain:

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Faith Talk:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Remember a time when someone forgave you. How did you feel?
- Is it sometimes hard to forgive others? Why?
- What does God’s gift of forgiveness through Jesus mean to you?
- Jesus said a person who has been forgiven much loves much. How does God’s forgiveness affect your relationships with others?

Devotional Practices:

When you gather for your home devotion times this week, invite each household member to write down on one side of a piece of paper a sin they would like to confess to God. Then read Psalm 32:5 and have each person draw a cross on the other side of the paper to indicate that their sins have been “covered” by the death of Jesus. Set the pieces of paper aside. At the end of the week have a symbolic burning or shredding of your confession slips, thanking God for his amazing grace.

Service:

Ask each household member to name a person outside of the home who has shown them love. Make cards of encouragement and thanks to send to them.

Rituals and Traditions:

Jesus said that the woman who anointed his feet “loved much” because she had been forgiven much (Luke 7:47). In response to God’s forgiveness, declare it to be “LOVE MUCH” week in your home. Brainstorm a list of ways you can show love to one another. Write these on a poster to display. As the week goes by, talk about your progress. Encourage one another in using “love much” word and actions.

Parent Toolbox - Forgiveness in Family Relationships

While households have great potential to be communities of deep love and care they are also prone to shared hurt and conflict. In homes people sin, and are sinned against. For relationships to stay healthy, the practice of genuine forgiveness is essential. Asking for and offering forgiveness are sacred habits. You may find these 5 steps helpful in your home:

1. Set aside time to discuss the issue – best when emotions have cooled.
2. Identify the problem or harmful event. Distinguish problem from person.
3. Explore the pains and concerns on both sides. Encourage listening.
4. Invite the offender/s to ask for forgiveness, and the offended to forgive.
5. Talk about how to avoid the problem/issue recurring. Resolve to change and pray for God’s help to do so.

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