
FAITH @ HOME

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2020

Some ideas for continuing to work toward being Stewards of Grace.

You might like to read 1 Timothy 1:3-5 and :12-17 in a few translations this week.

Note to parents: In families, there are lots of opportunities to practice forgiveness. Teaching our kids (and ourselves) to steward grace is done over time with gently, repeated teaching into the teachable moments that arise when a bunch of sinners live together. The opportunities are countless and happen over years – aren't we all still learning this? – but the steadfast, faithful efforts to grow in grace and help our kids to grow in grace please God as He transforms us!

Parents with littles – if you just need one or two ideas, the don't-miss ideas for young children are in green. Many of these are scalable for older and younger audiences by adjusting the language.

Black font is an all-play for children, teens, and adults.

Focus on Stewardship

- ? What is stewardship?
- ? What kinds of things are we the stewards of?
- ? What do I tend to hold onto and pretend they are “mine” rather than acknowledging that I’m just the caretaker? Why is that? What would happen if I handed those to God?
- ? Do you think God is generous or stingy?
- Play “Whose Is It?” with your kids. Take turns pointing to objects around you and asking whose it is, always going back to the idea that it’s God’s. You could also do this as a variation of I Spy. (“I spy something that is green that belongs to God that Daddy takes care of.”)
- You might want to make a Stewards of Grace reminder sign for your own home:



I will...

- Remember that Jesus forgives me.
- Practice forgiveness to others.
- Forgive myself.
- Be a generous steward of grace.

Focus on Grace

- ? What is the connection between grace and forgiveness?
- ? Is there someone I need to extend grace or forgiveness to?
- ? Is there something I need to ask God for forgiveness for?
- ? When have I experienced God's grace and forgiveness?
- ? When and how have I experienced the forgiveness of another person?
- ? How does forgiveness feel?
- Make a piece of art to represent what it feels like to experience forgiveness.
- Read "The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant" in a Children's Bible (or find it in Matthew 18: 21-35). Help your child to see the connection that just as God forgives us, we can – with His power in us – forgive one another.
- Tell your child that forgiving seventy times seven really just means forgiving over and over again until you don't even remember to count the times you've forgiven the other person. Help them know that is how God forgives them – not by counting, but just because of love! Dot out a big infinity symbol on a piece of paper. Tell your child that every dot represents a time where God gives them grace and forgiveness (or where they have forgiven someone). Help them trace over and over the dots until they realize it doesn't ever end – like God's style of forgiveness! And in God's power, we can be forgiving like that, too!
- ? How do grace and forgiveness fit with Ephesians 4:29-32?
- Check out [Faith @ Home](#) for September 27 for more ideas about Ephesians 4:32.

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