

SPARK Lenten Devotion:

March 27



Bible Story: The Lord's Prayer

As a family, read together "The Lord's Prayer", found in your SPARK Storybook Bible on pages 278-281. In this story Jesus' disciples ask him to teach them how to pray, Jesus then teaches them the Lord's Prayer. This week in Wednesday Lenten worship we are focusing on the phrase, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

Read the story "The Prodigal Son" in your SPARK Storybook Bible. (pg. 378-383) Afterwards, consider these questions:

The younger son felt sad about the choices he made. What did he want to say to his dad?

How did the father in the story show forgiveness to his younger son?

How does the father in the story show us what God's love looks like? (generous, forgiving, faithful, etc.)

Use that word to begin a short prayer such as:

God thank you that you are _____.

_____ God, we ask you to help us to be brave and say "I'm sorry" or "I made a mistake" when we hurt others. We ask you to help us to be brave and say "I forgive you" when others hurt us.

This week we are using a vial of ashes to remind us that even though sometimes we all do and say things that are hurtful to others, God always loves and forgives us.

As you hold your vial of ashes, think about the ways your words or actions can hurt others and yourself. Then think about the ways forgiving others or asking for forgiveness can help others and yourself.

Think about a time recently when a person’s words or actions hurt your feelings. In the box below, draw a picture or write the word in block letters that shows that hurt. Then draw a picture or write words of God’s love over the picture to show forgiveness. Use this as your prayer time today thinking about how God loves and forgives us, and God wants us to love and forgive others.

