



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

The Non-Avengers Lesson 3

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: JOSEPH



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Joseph's brothers had treated him cruelly, selling him into slavery. Joseph ended up in Egypt, where God was able to use him greatly. When Joseph was reunited with his brothers, he chose forgiveness rather than revenge. Genesis 45:1-15, Joseph Makes Himself Known



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kids why forgiving is better than getting payback. Ask them what they would have done if they were in Joseph's shoes.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Did Joseph's brothers deserve to be forgiven?
- Why did Joseph forgive his brothers?
- How can we prepare ourselves to forgive instead of getting revenge when someone hurts us?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

It takes great courage and faith to forgive instead of striking back, especially when someone really deserves it. Joseph saw the big picture. He realized God used his situation to save his family. Pray with your kids and ask God to give all of you eyes to see the big picture so you can forgive.



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THIS WEEK'S LESSON: DAVID



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

God chose David to be the new king himself. This made the current king, Saul, very angry. Saul tried to kill David. When David had the chance to get the jump on Saul, he chose compassion rather than anger. 1 Samuel 24:1-19, David Spares Saul's Life



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kids if there's a hard to love person they are trying to be kind to this week. Pray with them about that person, and encourage them to follow through on this week's challenge.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why was David hiding from Saul?
- Why did David show compassion to Saul?
- Why should we show love to people who are difficult to love?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Loving your neighbor isn't so easy when your neighbor is so unlovable, but God wants us to love even the most difficult of people. Pray that God will help you to show love and compassion this week to someone you find difficult.



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THIS WEEK'S LESSON: ABIGAIL



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Nabal had treated David and his men badly. David went out to get his revenge and kill Nabal. But Nabal's wife, Abigail, pleaded with David to have compassion; reminding him that vengeance belongs to God, not men. 1 Samuel 25:4-33, David, Nabal and Abigail



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kids if they tend to be leaders or followers with their friends. Ask them what they are doing to become better leaders and set an example when it comes to loving others and not spreading gossip.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why was David mad at Nabal?
- How did Abigail persuade David to show mercy to Nabal?
- Why is it important for us to have a good influence on our friends to love others?



AT BEDTIME:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Our kids can either follow the crowd and talk bad about others, or they can be a witness for Christ by standing up to gossip and showing their friends how to forgive and love others. Pray that all of our children will take up the challenge to be leaders and influencers so they can spread love in their schools.



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THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE WOMAN JESUS FORGAVE



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

The religious leaders wanted Jesus to give them permission to punish a woman who had disobeyed God's laws. They thought they were doing right to punish this woman.

However, Jesus reminded them that they were sinful people too. Because we are all sinful, we all need God's forgiveness. John 8:1-11, Woman Caught in Adultery



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Make it a family goal that everyone is more forgiving this week. Remind your children that none of you are perfect and that you all should forgive as you've been forgiven.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What did the religious leaders ask Jesus?
- How did Jesus convince the men not to hurt the woman?
- How can remembering that we make mistakes make us more forgiving of others?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

We are all sinners, and we all need to be forgiven from time to time. It is important for all of us to be humble and remember our own faults before we stand and judge others. Ask God to make you more forgiving with your spouse, your kids, your co-workers, and your neighbors. Ask Him to help you model the forgiveness of Jesus.



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THIS WEEK'S LESSON: JESUS



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

We received the perfect example of what forgiveness looks like when God sent his son Jesus to earth. The ultimate forgiveness – the forgiveness of sins – comes from the Father through Jesus. He took the punishment our sins deserved and died for you and for me. But, he rose again so that we could have eternal life and live with him forever. Because God has forgiven us so much, he wants us to forgive others who wrong us. Luke 23:32-43, The Crucifixion



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Look for crosses while you are out and about. When you see one, point it out to your children and take a second to thank God for Jesus.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Jesus die on the cross?
- What did Jesus do for the thief who asked for forgiveness?
- Is there any other way to be forgiven for our sins other than Jesus?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

There is only one person who can forgive our sins. Jesus was both God and man, and because He was without sin, He was able to pay the price for our sins once and for all. Pray that our kids will understand that Jesus is the one way to be saved and receive Him as their Savior.



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THIS WEEK'S LESSON: STEPHEN



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Jesus told his disciples that those who follow Him would have to suffer for it. When Stephen preached to the people about Jesus, they dragged him away and killed him by stoning him. Even as he was dying, Stephen did not hold anger against the men who were hurting him, but he kept his eyes firmly on Jesus. Acts 7:54-60, The Stoning of Stephen



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Encourage your kids to catch you in the act of saying unkind things about people - like when someone cuts you off in traffic. When they do, stop and say a prayer for whomever has made you angry.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Stephen pray for the people who killed him?
- Why is it important to pray for our enemies?
- Would you like to share who you are praying for and why?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Kids were encouraged to choose a difficult person they will pray for this week. Is there a difficult person you need to pray for? God can use your prayers and your actions to show that person God loves them and can forgive them. Commit to praying for your person with your kids, and praying with them about their person.