

## 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020- Luke 23:26-43 & Isaiah 53:1-6- Forgiveness

The video clips are taken from the films- The Miracle Maker and Jesus of Nazareth with Robert Powell

### Do you find it hard to forgive people?

This is from Isaiah 53-

*Who believes what we've heard and seen? Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this? 2-6 The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain first hand. One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was our pains he carried— our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and got lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him, on him.*

This reading is in the Old Testament and it is talking about someone who was still to come - this is known as a P--- --- --- --- --- (can you work out the word?)

- Who is the 'scrawny seedling'?
- What words are used to describe what happened to Jesus?
- How does the passage tell us about Jesus' death?
- Why does the passage say that Jesus died?
- What happens to us as a result of Jesus death?
- How are we like sheep?

And this is from Luke 23

*26-31 As they led him off, they made Simon, a man from Cyrene who happened to be coming in from the countryside, carry the cross behind Jesus. A huge crowd of people followed, along with women weeping and carrying on. At one point Jesus turned to the women and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't cry for me. Cry for yourselves and for your children....." Then they'll start calling to the mountains, 'Fall down on us!' calling to the hills, 'Cover us up!' If people do these things to a live, green tree, can you imagine what they'll do with deadwood? 32 Two others, both criminals, were taken along with him for execution. 33 When they got to the place called Skull Hill, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left. 34-35 Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing." Dividing up his clothes, they threw dice for them. The people stood there staring at Jesus, and the ringleaders made faces, taunting, "He saved others. Let's see him save himself! The Messiah of God—ha! The Chosen—ha!" 36-37 The soldiers also came up and poked fun at him, making a game of it. They toasted him with sour wine: "So you're King of the Jews! Save yourself!" 38 Printed over him was a sign: 'This is the king of the Jews' 39 One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed him: "Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!" 40-41 But the other one made him shut up: "Have you no fear of God? You're getting the same as him. We deserve this, but not him—he did nothing to deserve this." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom." 43 He said, "Don't worry, I will. Today you will join me in paradise."*

These are both quite long and again the Luke reading is part of the Easter story – last week we looked at the time after Jesus had risen from the dead but today we are looking at the time just as he was crucified and how he forgave those who had tried him and who were now punishing him. Forgiveness is a really hard thing to do and also to accept do you think?

This is hard to watch but it is from the film the Miracle Maker & tells the end part of the crucifixion story: <https://youtu.be/kSOJr5HdVmw->

Do you know what else Jesus said just before he allowed himself to die?

“F--- --- f--- --- t--- ---,t--- --- d--- ---'--- k--- --- w--- --- t--- ---  
'--- d--- ---”

- Who was Simon of Cyrene? You can look this up for yourself!
- Who else did Jesus forgive at this time? Which friends did he also forgive – who thought they had let him down?
- How did Jesus' friends respond when he was being crucified?
- How did the leaders respond?
- What strange things happened while Jesus was on the cross?
- Why did Jesus died on the cross?
- Who else was crucified with Jesus? This is a short clip about them-  
<https://youtu.be/4A24z5VMedY>

When people do things wrong they can't be God's friends because the sin gets in the way: God can't stand sin. He is too holy for sin to come close to him.

In the Old Testament people offered sacrifices to show that they were sorry for their sin – the animal was punished for what the person had done wrong. When Jesus died he took the punishment for all the sins everyone in the world had ever done and will ever do – Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice and we have all been forgiven! ☺

Jesus taught more than once that we are to be forgiving people. That's because we are all in need of forgiveness from the Lord and from each other. When we hold grudges or are unwilling to forgive, it's an indication that we don't realize just how great our sin is and how great is the forgiveness of our heavenly Father. If we have been forgiven – we should forgive others. What does the Lords Prayers say about this?#

Here's a fun video about forgiveness- it might make you smile a bit ☺ [https://youtu.be/dEGTLbW\\_L00](https://youtu.be/dEGTLbW_L00)

Here's Douglas with a chat about forgiveness- the younger ones may like this but it is quite good to listen to even if you are older! [https://youtu.be/cG\\_WLYUN\\_Hw](https://youtu.be/cG_WLYUN_Hw)

This is quite good too! [https://youtu.be/lbwVHAV\\_qU4](https://youtu.be/lbwVHAV_qU4)

And this- <https://youtu.be/fiFonMIBmAY>

Have a go- quiz! [https://www.christianbiblereference.org/cgi-bin/web\\_quiz1.pl?crucify.txt&0](https://www.christianbiblereference.org/cgi-bin/web_quiz1.pl?crucify.txt&0)  
[https://www.christianbiblereference.org/ws\\_Crucifixion\\_0.htm](https://www.christianbiblereference.org/ws_Crucifixion_0.htm)

You may want to end by just listening to this or reading the words at the same time-  
<https://youtu.be/iUV5T9JIJZ0>

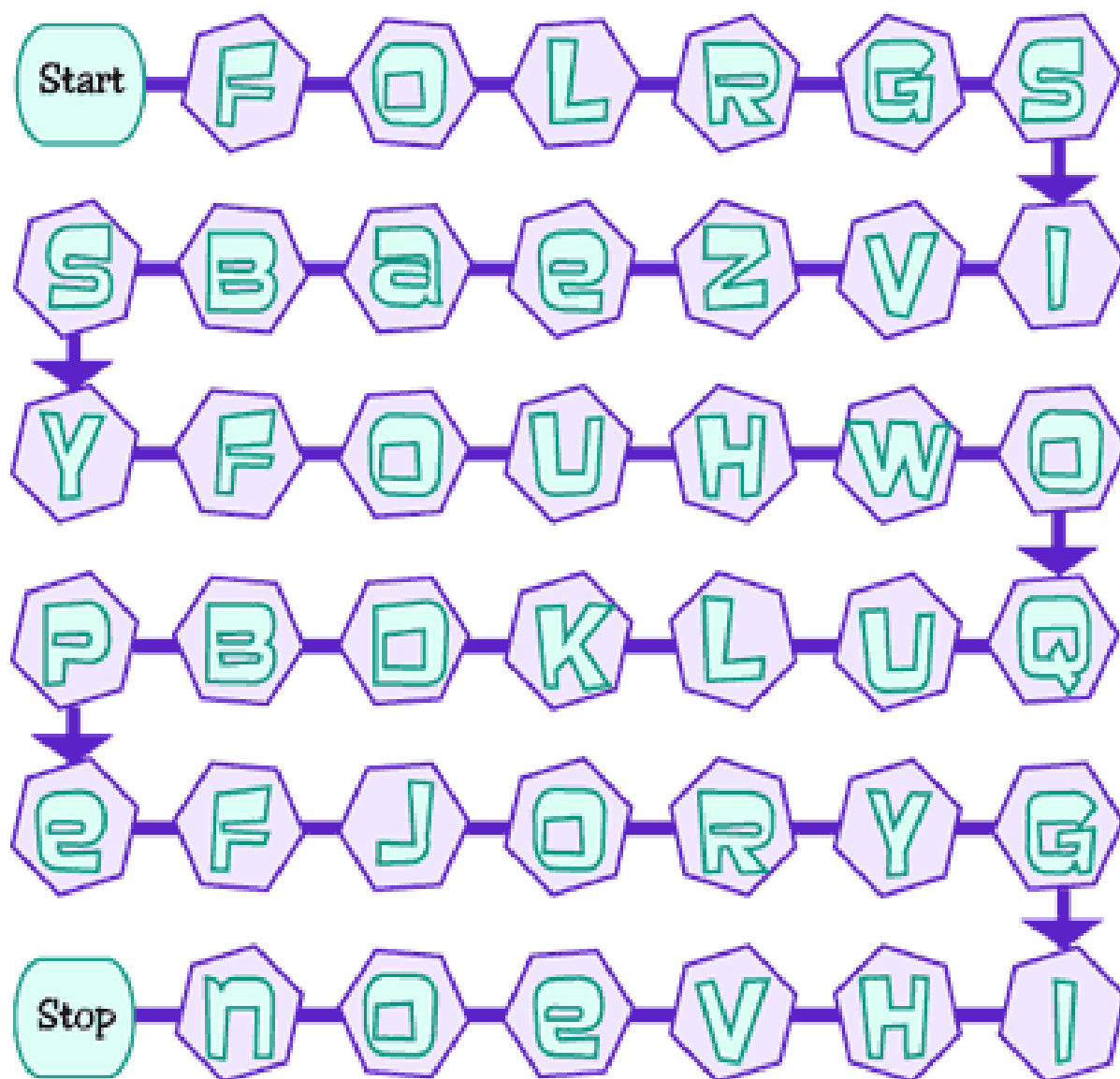
OK that's a lot of stuff so the next couple of pages are some other things you may want to look at & do (or not!)

### FOLLOW THE ARROWS!

BibleWise

### Find the Hidden Message

Directions: using the gameboard below cross out every third letter to reveal a hidden message. Then fill in the letters in the answer box at the bottom of the page.



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

# Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 18:21-22



A P T Z U H W J E S N N M H H  
A W U K G T K E S X G X Q D X  
H T K G T W U S M A N Y I D B  
E K A J I B F U B C G E U K G  
A F S T I M E S U K O O C U W  
M W K W N B O T G P E T E R A  
O P E R G R E L P W W O X H T  
F A D X B R O T H E R G H X E  
K O N A F X S D C R Z L Q W Y  
X E R S V Q J L E I L O Z R Q  
E Z B G W Q D Q D V O R K P H  
E N Z Y I E J P Z L M D J I O  
S W U Q H V R S E V E N A C W  
W L B Q L L E E I I F W C A C  
H U S I N S K T D C F X M T C

PETER  
SINS  
ASKED

ANSWERED  
FORGIVE  
TIMES

MANY  
HOW  
BROTHER

JESUS  
LORD  
SEVEN

# Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" Matthew 18:21 (NLT)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ The number of times Peter thought you should forgive
2. \_\_\_\_\_ To seek an answer to a question
3. \_\_\_\_\_ A male who has the same parents as another person
4. \_\_\_\_\_ To excuse someone for an offense
5. \_\_\_\_\_ To break one of God's commandments
6. \_\_\_\_\_ One of Jesus' disciples
7. \_\_\_\_\_ To reply to a question
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The number of times Jesus said we should forgive


SEVEN  
PETER

ANSWER  
SIN

FORGIVE  
ASK

SEVENTY-SEVEN  
BROTHER





Be kind  
to one another,  
tender-hearted,  
forgiving  
each other,  
just as  
God in Christ  
also has  
forgiven you.

- Ephesians 4:32

For more free printables, visit [flandersfamily.info](http://flandersfamily.info).

