

PARENT LETTER 4

Dear Parents,

We are using the Foundation Curriculum in partnership with you. Please review (a minimum of three to six times) with your child the lesson entitled "FORGIVE." The story emphasizes how heavenly Father's "Born Again" children can choose to do things like their heavenly Father and Jesus, by forgiving others!

We discussed that to love others, does not mean you have to let someone mistreat you and hurt you. Your heavenly Father loves you and does not want anyone to harm or mistreat you; but they can pray and ask for wisdom and Holy Spirit in them will give them wisdom, and they will know what to say and do. (James 1:5) (Romans 12:19-21) (I Peter 3:12)

Please help your child to understand this scripture from Romans 12:18-21:

"If possible live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can. My friends don't try to get even. Leave room for God to show His anger. It is written, "I am the One who judges people. I will pay them back." says the Lord. Do just the opposite. Scripture says, "If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. By doing these things, you will pile up burning coals on their heads." Don't let evil overcome you. Overcome evil by doing good."

This teaching to forgive, which is God's way, opposes the world's philosophy of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. (Matthew 5:38-48) Your child heard that Jesus said that if we do not forgive others, that our Father will not forgive us. (Matthew 6:14-15) We know that sometimes it is hard to forgive, but when we pray in the name of Jesus and ask Father to help us to forgive, Jesus will change our heart so that Father may receive the glory. (John 14:13) Holy Spirit helps us. (John 14:16) During this Story Book Lesson we practiced love by praying for those who have hurt us and sinned against us. (Matthew 5:44-45)

Please let your child/ren know that to do things heavenly Father's way, in love and forgiveness, it does not make them weak, but strong in the love of Jesus for they are reflecting heavenly Father's perfect image of love! (I John 4:7 -12) (Matthew 5:44-48) God bless you as you teach your child/ren true wisdom to obey God, and overcome evil with good! (Psalm 111:10) (Romans 12:21)

Sincerely in Christ,

Your Child's Teacher