

WEEK 5 Forging Others



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

This week, third grade students are learning that holding onto unforgiveness does more damage to us and our loved ones than to the person who hurt us. Please consider these Big Ideas:

- A child with a patient and humble heart will be able to both give and receive forgiveness.
- Until they learn patience in excusing the faults of others, children have great difficulty maturing socially or emotionally.
- Humility is cultivated in the heart of a child who learns to ask to be forgiven when at fault.

For the Heart of Your Child

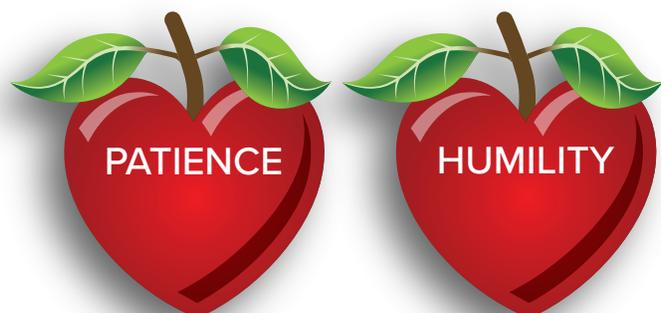
You can teach your child about forgiveness by setting a good example:

1. **Forgive them when they do wrong.** Help your child learn to say, “I’m sorry,” after a mistake. Forgive your child quickly when they wrong you, but don’t remove the consequences for their misbehavior. Discomfort motivates change. If your child doesn’t suffer negative consequences for misbehavior, he won’t be inspired to change.
2. **Forgive others when they offend you.** Let your child see you quickly forgive small offenses. Rather than rolling your eyes when cut in line at the grocery or huffing when someone takes the last parking space, be gracious. Wouldn’t it be great for your child to hear you say, “They must be in a big hurry,” instead of “Who do they think they are?” If you are unforgiving, your child will be unforgiving.
3. **Asking others for forgiveness when you wrong them.** It’s never too late to show remorse to someone you’ve wronged, wounded, offended, or upset. It’s important for your child to see you humble yourself and admit when you’ve been wrong. Be quick to apologize, as well as to forgive.

From our hearts to yours,



PS Don’t forget to ask the definitions of PATIENCE and HUMILITY.



HUMILITY—Not caring who gets credit

PATIENCE—Even-tempered endurance