

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: God forgives me so that I can forgive others.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 6:11-15
Matthew 18:21-35
Luke 17:1-5
Colossians 3:12-14
Hebrews 8:10-13
1 John 1:5-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Matthew 6:11-15

How is your relationship with God impacted by your relationship with others?
Why does God make His forgiveness of you dependent on your forgiveness of others?

Matthew 18:21-35

What is Peter really asking Jesus?
What is Peter's motivation: to love, to judge, to punish?
What does this parable tell you about God?
How would you define forgiveness based on this parable?
How important is your forgiveness of others to God?
Why do you find forgiveness so difficult?
How do you continue to collect the debts others owe you even after you say you have forgiven them?
How does this affect your relationship with God?
How does this affect your relationship with others?
[Private] Who has hurt you that you haven't forgiven?
How did they hurt you?
What is God asking you to do with this hurt?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His love.
Agree with God about hurts you need to forgive.
Thank Jesus for His sacrifice
that made possible your forgiveness.
Ask the Holy Spirit to show you who you need to forgive.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ MATTHEW 6:12-13

How does holding a grudge lead to temptation?
Make chocolate pudding.
How can you avoid licking the bowl?

READ MATTHEW 6:14-15

Why should we forgive others?
Clean your windows.

READ MATTHEW 18:21-27

What did the servant ask for?
What did the King do?
How far can you walk on your knees?

READ MATTHEW 18:28-30

What did the fellow servant ask?
What did the servant do?
Set up a "chain reaction" or domino effect.
How long/far can you make it go?

READ MATTHEW 18:31-35

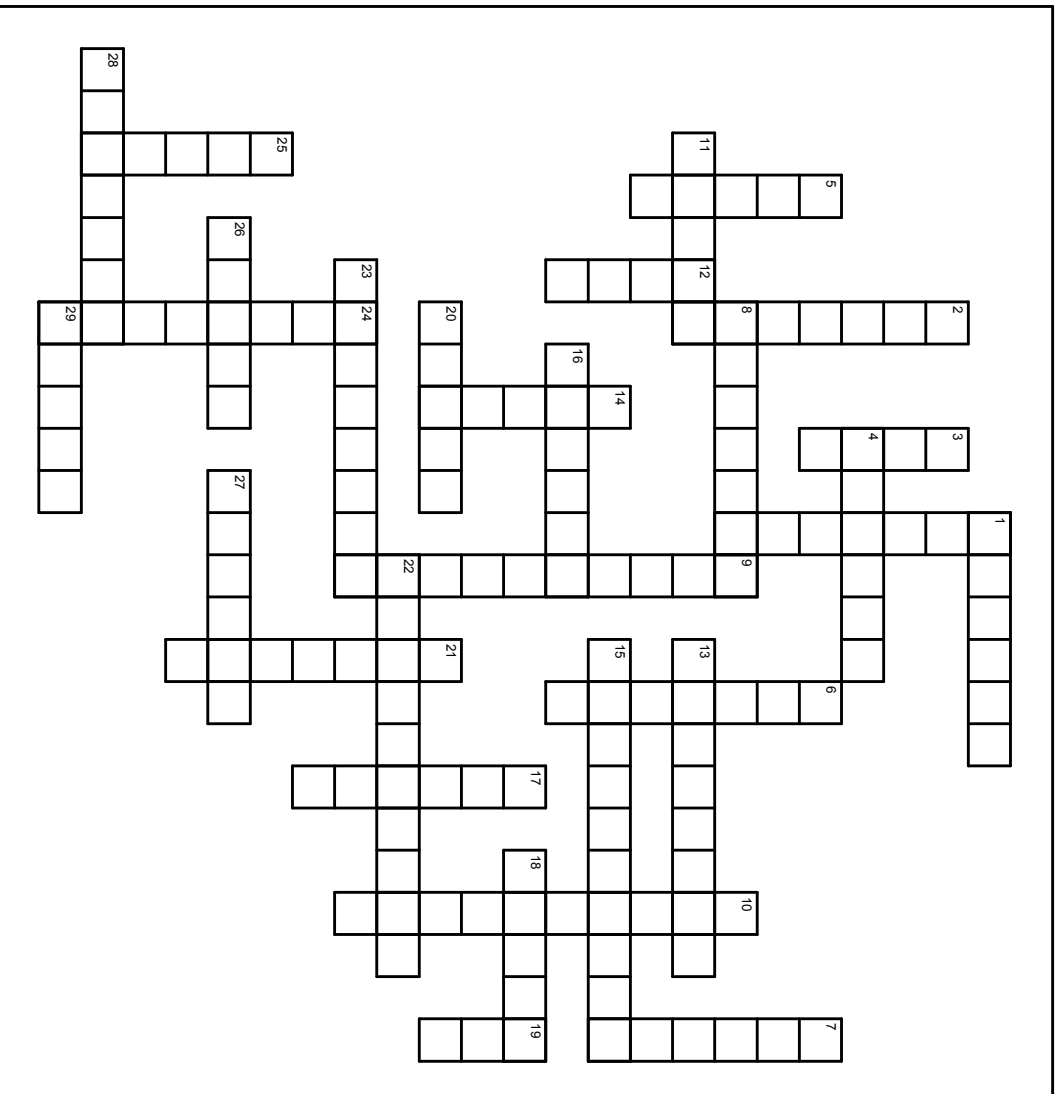
Why do you think the servant didn't forgive his fellow servant?
What does "from your heart" mean?
Write out a list of people to give valentines to and begin making them.

MEMORY VERSE:

_____, _____,
that _____ may _____ in _____.
_____ on _____
_____ for _____.
1 Peter 5:6&7 (NIV)

Forgive Like God Forgives You

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



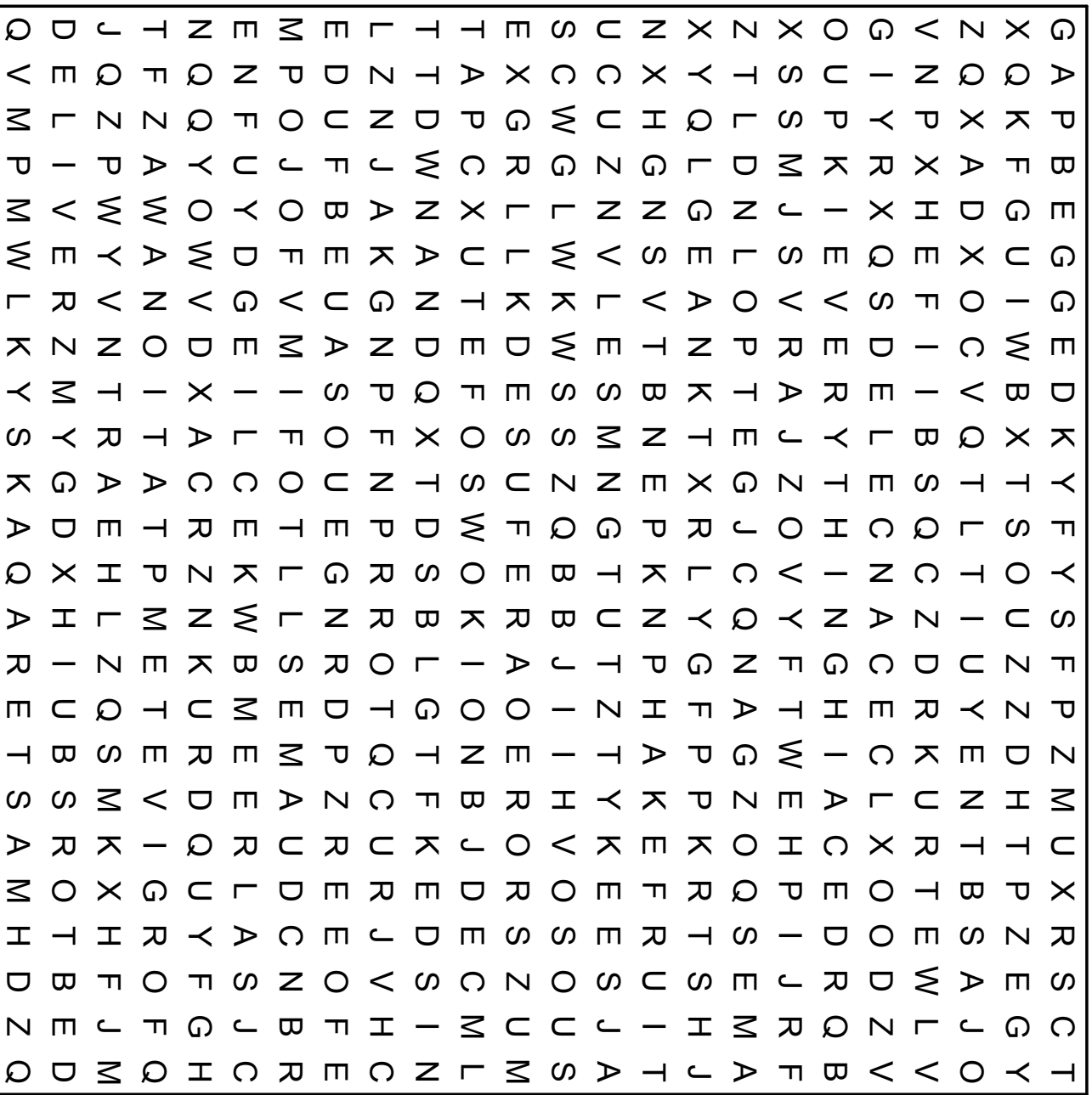
Across

1. another name for God (Matthew 6:15)
4. pleaded (Matthew 18:29)
8. wouldn't do it (Matthew 18:30)
11. good things to use when you are begging (Matthew 18:26)
13. insisted (Matthew 18:28)
15. wanting to do something you shouldn't(Matthew 6:13)
16. a person who owes (Matthew 6:12)
18. he told a story to help Peter understand (Matthew 18:22)
20. undeserved kindness (Matthew 18:33)
22. all (Matthew 18:26)
23. forgave (Matthew 18:27)
26. squeeze hands around a neck to hurt someone (Matthew 18:28)
27. evil (Matthew 18:32)
28. wait or put off (Matthew 18:26)
29. Peter thought this would be a good number (Matthew 18:21)

Down

1. don't hold a grudge (Matthew 6:12)
2. they would make the wicked servant pay his debts (Matthew 18:34)
3. something that is owed (Matthew 18:25)
5. looked for and located (Matthew 18:28)
6. commanded (Matthew 18:25)
7. jail (Matthew 18:30)
9. upset (Matthew 18:31)
10. agreement and payment of debts (Matthew 18:24)
12. ungodly (Matthew 6:13)
14. he asked a question (Matthe 18:21)
17. he felt pity (Matthew 18:27)
19. do wrong things (Matthew 6:14)
21. save (Matthew 6:13)
24. records of things owed (Matthew 18:23)
25. forgiveness must come from here (Matthew 18:35)

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forgive debtor temptation deliver evil sin

Father Peter seven Jesus accounts settlement

ordered debt patient knees everything canceled

demanded master found choke prison begged

refused heart distressed wicked mercy jailors

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| 1. TMTNEETELS | ----- | 16. TBDE | ----- |
| 2. DFESERU | ----- | 17. MAERTS | ----- |
| 3. KHEOC | ----- | 18. EIVEVHGNRT | ----- |
| 4. CYEMIR | ----- | 19. LASJRIO | ----- |
| 5. NKSEE | ----- | 20. NEMEADDD | ----- |
| 6. TETAIMTOPN | ----- | 21. BGDEEG | ----- |
| 7. TAEHR | ----- | 22. RTDOEB | ----- |
| 8. CECDENLA | ----- | 23. OSNPIR | ----- |
| 9. VOREFIG | ----- | 24. RRODEED | ----- |
| 10. ENTTPAI | ----- | 25. ISN | ----- |
| 11. FDUJO | ----- | 26. NTCUACSO | ----- |
| 12. PEERT | ----- | 27. TFEHRA | ----- |
| 13. IDSSDRTEES | ----- | 28. JESSU | ----- |
| 14. DIKWCE | ----- | 29. ELIV | ----- |
| 15. VESEN | ----- | 30. RVILDEE | ----- |