Live It Out–Discover how to love like Jesus

DAY 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching So&So, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

DAY 2 Read John 13:36–38; 21:1–19

Answer the questions below based on the passages of Scripture. Notice all the patterns and repetitions.

- What does Jesus say in John 13 that Peter can't do yet, but then He invites Peter to do in John 21?
- How many times does Jesus say Peter will deny Him?

- How many times does Jesus ask Peter if he loves Jesus? ______
- How many fish were in the net? ______
 Guess what number is a factor of 153? ______

Unscramble the letters to reveal all the different animals mentioned in these passages. SEPEH, HISF, ABLM, SORTROE

It's fun to look for patterns in the Bible, isn't it? These patterns and repetitions don't always have a special significance, but sometimes they do (like when Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, and then later Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Jesus). But what it does do is help us dig deeper in the Scripture, which can reveal more of what God is saying to us through it!

day 3 Pray.

Jesus showed us what forgiveness looks like—of course, through His death on the cross, but also through the way He forgave when He was on the earth. But forgiving one another isn't always easy. In fact, it's often pretty hard. Thankfully God doesn't ask us to do anything that we aren't able to do with God's help!

Think about a situation where you have to forgive someone, and it is not easy. It might be something that is happening right now in your life, or something that happened in the past and you haven't been able to forgive. It could be a situation where you HAVE been able to forgive someone, but you know it's only because God helped you. Take a couple of minutes to talk to God about this, either asking for God's help, or expressing gratitude for the way God has helped you forgive in the past. Close your prayer by thanking God for sending Jesus to show you what forgiveness looks like.

DAY 4 Talk.

Jesus forgave Peter even though Peter denied even knowing Jesus when others asked how he knew Him. Jesus offered His forgiveness before Peter even asked. Jesus invited Peter to restore their relationship, and He wants to forgive us and restore our relationship to God, too. Not only that, when Jesus died on the cross for our sins, it wasn't just for the sins of the past—it was for every wrong thing we would ever do. Can you imagine being THAT forgiving?

The truth is, we often have a hard time forgiving each other for even the smallest offenses. Why is that? What is it that makes forgiveness hard sometimes? Find a friend who follows Jesus, too, and have a conversation about this question: **What makes it hard to forgive?** Before you end your conversation, pray for each other that you can overcome those obstacles to forgiveness.

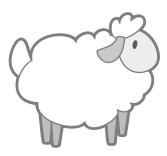
Forgive one another.

You may have looked at the passages from John this week and wondered where it was in the text that Jesus actually forgave Peter. He doesn't actually say the words "I forgive you, Peter," nor does Peter ask Jesus outright for His forgiveness. Instead, Jesus starts talking about... livestock?

But true forgiveness isn't about the words we speak—it's about lifting a load off of someone who has hurt you.

It's about making things right in the realtionship, just like Jesus did by showing Peter that He trusted him to take care of the new believers. Jesus referred to these new Christians as sheep (as He often did explaining that He is the shepherd who cares for the sheep).

Grab a sheet of paper, a pencil, some cotton balls, and some glue. Draw a sheep similar to the one you see here on the sheet of paper with the pencil. You may want to go over the legs and head with a thin black marker, too. Then glue the cotton balls on the body of the sheep. Under the sheep, write the bottom line: **Forgive one another**.



Hang the sheep somewhere you can see it often. Whenever you see it, reach out and pet the sheep and ask God if there's anyone you need to forgive. If there is, ask God to help you do that.

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

How can we live like Jesus?