


Read Me First

READ PSALM 86:5.

Forgiveness allows us to be close to God. First, Jesus drew Zacchaeus TO God by treating him as a true friend—even before he changed. Then after Zacchaeus was changed, Jesus treated him like he was—as one who was forgiven of his sin.the time) could put others first, then we should, too.

-  Tell your family the story of Zacchaeus from today's lesson. Look for a tree with a branch that's low enough to climb. If possible, stop and climb it as you imagine what Zacchaeus felt like when Jesus looked up and spoke to him.





-  Praise God by praying Psalm 86:5 back to Him.

Read Me Next Day 1

Forgiveness opens the way to better things. God can make good things happen when you forgive. People feel better; they feel happy instead of angry and upset. Friends are friends again. We feel close to God when we forgive and are forgiven.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:11.

-  Make a sandwich or snack for someone. Change it in some way to make it even better. You could cut it into shapes, decorate a paper plate to serve it on, or add a yummy topping.
-  Thank God for making bad things work for good and good things even better.

Read Me Next Day 3

Hold as many stuffed animals, pillows, or other unbreakable objects as you possibly can. Now, pick up a pencil and write your name in this space without dropping anything:

-  Set all the stuff down and try it again.

Better, right? Carrying around a grudge is like that, too. It's better when you let go of it. When you're unwilling to forgive, it hardens your heart against what God wants to do in your life. It can even harden the heart of the other person.


READ EPHESIANS 4:32.

-  Ask God to help you let go of a hurt that you're still holding on to.

Read Me Next Day 2

Forgiveness makes a clean heart possible. The only way a sin-filled heart can be changed and made right with God is through forgiveness.

READ ROMANS 4:8.

-  Wash a dirty window or mirror and make it clean.
-  Talk to God about something you did wrong today. Ask Him to forgive you and help you make a U-turn.