



Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Matthew 18:21-35

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Holy One, your mercy is beyond our understanding. Teach us how to be gracious as you yourself show grace to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The disciples wondered just how far Jesus could take his message of forgiveness. Farther than they imagined, apparently.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

In our litigating society, how does culture view justice? How does it view forgiveness? What might happen if people practiced forgiveness over blame and the need for restitution?

Who stands in need of your forgiveness? What would it take to make you ready to forgive?

For the littles: Have you ever told someone, "I forgive you"? What did it feel like? Jesus is happy when we forgive.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you strength to forgive. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Follow a court case that is spotlighted in the media. Identify places where Jesus' words for forgiveness might break in. How would extravagant forgiveness alter the outcome of the trial?



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29

Tuesday, Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2

Wednesday, Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25

Thursday, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Cor. 13:1-4

Friday, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Saturday, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30