

Draw & Color

Draw a picture of a time you made a mistake.
Then forgive yourself for your mistake—God does.

ANSWERS:
1) $62 + 27 = 89$
2) $3 + (2 \times 3) = 9$
3) $77 - 60 = 17$
4) $2 + 5 = 7$
5) $6 + 18 + 25 + 8 = 57$

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Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

Jesus' friend, Peter, had an important question for Jesus.

"Jesus, if one of our friends does something I don't like, do I have to forgive him?" he asked.

"Of course," Jesus said.

Peter frowned. "But what if he does it more than once?"

"Forgive him more than once," Jesus answered.

"But how many times do I have to forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Jesus sighed. "Oh, Peter, Peter. Not just seven times. Or seventeen, or twenty-seven. Even as many as seventy-seven times. And more!"

Peter was surprised. "Really? Wow. That's a lot."

"No one is perfect, Peter. God wants us to forgive our sisters and brothers from our hearts so we can all live together in peace."



REMEMBER THIS

FORGIVE

To let go of anger about something someone has done to harm us.

FORGIVENESS MATH

Peter is still trying to figure out how many times to forgive when someone does something to harm him. Can you help him solve these math problems? Use the space on the right to work them out. (Answers on back)

1) IF YOU FORGAVE 62 TIMES, AND THEN FORGAVE 27 MORE TIMES, HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU FORGIVE?

2) IF YOU FORGAVE 3 TIMES, AND THEN FORGAVE TWICE AS MANY AS 3 TIMES, HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU FORGIVE?

3) IF YOU FORGAVE 60 TIMES, HOW MANY MORE TIMES WOULD YOU HAVE TO FORGIVE TO REACH 77 TIMES?

4) IF 2 PEOPLE FORGAVE 9 TIMES EACH, AND 5 PEOPLE FORGAVE 3 TIMES EACH, HOW MANY PEOPLE FORGAVE?

5) IF YOU FORGAVE 6 TIMES, THEN 18 TIMES, THEN 25 TIMES, AND THEN 8 MORE TIMES, HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU FORGIVE?

Did You Know?

Seven was a number that represented unlimited amounts. Like, when we say "infinity times infinity!"

So when Jesus said to forgive seventy-seven times, that meant "more times than you can even imagine!"

