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**DO:** Think of a friend who has hurt or offended you. God has forgiven you and wants you to forgive others in return. Write your friend a note saying you forgive them for hurting you.

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**DAY 3** READ: Matthew 18:21-22 (KBC Study Bible, page 1051)

**THINK:** Jesus said that we should forgive someone who has hurt us not seven times, but seventy times seven times. Can you do the math? That’s 490 times, which is so many that you will lose count. God wants you to forgive someone over and over and over. With God’s help, you can do it!

**PRAY:** God, thank You for forgiving me over and over. Help me talk with my parents or another adult when I have a hard time forgiving others. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**DAY 4** READ: 1 John 1:9 (KBC Study Bible, page 1355)

**DO:** God is the only one who can forgive sin. God forgives us when we confess or tell Him how we have sinned. Take time right now to confess your sin to God and ask Him for forgiveness.

**PRAY:** Heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against You. I’m sorry, please forgive me. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive my sin. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**DAY 5** READ: Genesis 41:46-49 (KBC Study Bible, page 51)

**THINK:** When Joseph stored up grain after interpreting Pharaoh’s dream, what did it show about Joseph? Unscramble the word to find the answer. It showed that he (rstdeut) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ God. You can trust God to forgive you and to help you forgive others.

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