

9/13/17

Dear Parents:

This paper should be kept in your child's PSR folder. It is to be signed and returned the following week. (see back)

Each week a page will be sent home. Please review and discuss together with your child. You can choose to complete all activities or just one. The goal is to work together in building our faith. The activities will be based that week's Sunday Gospel.

If your child is absent or does not bring home the activity for the week, it can be found on the website www.svdepaul.org. Click on the PSR tab and then Weekly Family Activity. There will be an activity for grades 1&3, grades 4-6, and grade 7.

Thank You!!
PSR Staff

PS. As an incentive, we are giving the children who turn in the activity with their parent's signature a piece of candy or treat. If you are able to donate a bag of candy or treats (pencils, etc.), it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Get to Know Your PSR Staff

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Grade 7

Family Connection- *Read Matthew 18:21–22.* You probably keep track of a lot of things—how much spending money you have, how many days until the next school holiday—but how many of you count the number of times you have forgiven someone? Do you think Peter did? Was Jesus really serious when he said to forgive 77 times?

If not, what do you think was the point of Jesus' answer? _____

Finish reading Matthew 18:23–35. We may have hoped that Jesus was serious when he said to forgive 77 times. Most of us have already done that, which would mean that we've met our quota and are off the hook. But that's not the point. Jesus told a story to let us know that he isn't talking about the quantity but rather the quality of our forgiveness. The king in the parable didn't negotiate terms with the servant who owed him a great deal of money. Rather, when the servant claimed hardship, he was forgiven all that he owed. Not satisfied, however, the servant turned around and went to collect a small amount of money owed him.

Do you recall his response when his fellow servant asked for more time to pay? _____

Jesus' point is that numbers are not the issue when it comes to forgiving. The king in the parable offers forgiveness without condition; his forgiveness, like God's, is genuine and total. From God who is merciful and always ready to forgive, we learn to be forgiving as well. As the parable indicates, forgiveness is essentially a matter of a loving heart. There are no strings attached.

Conclude by praying quietly for the courage to be genuine and compassionate when offering forgiveness. Then pray together the Sign of the Cross.

Parent Signature: _____

Family Connection

Read the Gospel for Sunday, Matthew 18:21-35

Prayer is also an important part of handling conflict. Jesus promises that he will guide the decisions of those who pray to him. When we have a problem with another person, we pray that God will help to bring peace to the situation and that God will be with us as we work toward this peace.

Along with prayer, what is something you can do to help with conflict?

Say a short prayer asking of peace to God.

Parent Signature _____