

Chapter 10

Saying “I’m Sorry!”

Forgive anyone who has offended you.

Mark 11:25

For the Parents:

In chapter 10 your child learned to:

- Explain why Jesus came for sinners
- Define sin, forgiveness, and grace
- Suggest how to make things right when feelings are hurt

Forgiveness, as a matter of faith and belief, is not optional. Jesus was clear that this core value is absolutely essential in the life of a disciple. But as with much of what we Catholics believe, there is the question of how we *practice* what we believe. This separates the casual follower of Jesus from the Disciple of Jesus. A follower might say, “Yes I know. Forgiveness is important. I believe that it needs to be a priority. But my situation is different. How can I forgive when...?” A disciple, on the other hand, makes no excuses.

Jesus and the Spirit make it possible for us to have stories of forgiveness and compassion. What is one of your stories about experiencing forgiveness in your life? Make a point to share Jesus’ forgiveness at work in you.

With Your Child:

1. Join your child for bedtime prayer. As part of the prayer, tell Jesus about the day. Tell the ways that you both tried to follow him. Also ask forgiveness for the things that you may have done wrong.
2. Read about Saint Philip Neri on the Review and Explore page.