



DAY 3 BIBLE STORYTELLING SCRIPT

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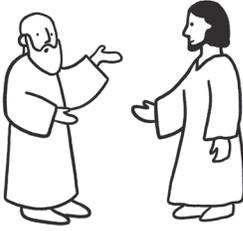
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When we hurt other people's hearts or minds or bodies, we break apart the relationships that God has given us with other people. Forgiveness helps mend those breaks. Giving forgiveness is something God shows us through Jesus. Forgiving someone shows a type of love that helps us live together in peace, without hurting each other.

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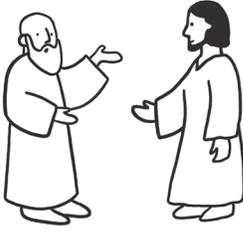
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