

NAMES OF GOD: THE FATHER OF COMPASSION

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Genesis 37:18-36; 50:15-17

Memory Verse

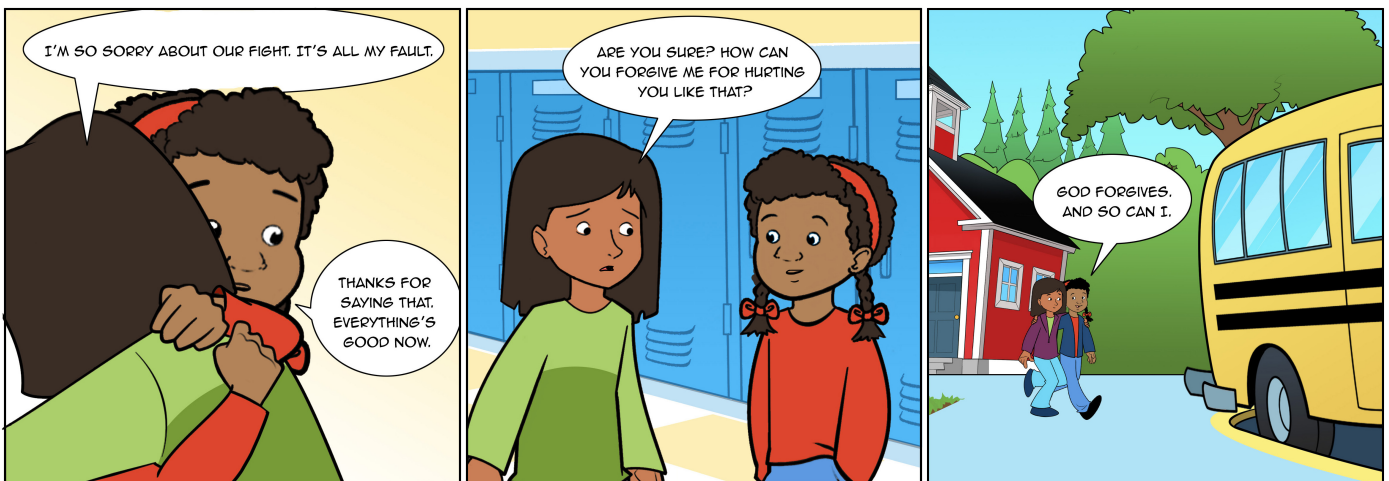
³⁶ Have pity on others, just as your Father has pity on you.

Luke 6:36



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Do you find it hard to show kindness to people who are mean to you? If so, you are not alone. In today's longer Bible reading, we read the story of a young man named Joseph. Joseph's brothers were not kind to him. In fact, they were so jealous of him that they decided to kill him. One brother tried to show him mercy and convince the others not to kill him but to throw him in a pit. Instead, these cruel brothers sold Joseph to some traders coming down the road!

Joseph faced many challenges throughout his life. He was sold into slavery, wrongly accused, thrown in jail, and forgotten for a long time. Fortunately, God showed compassion and was with Joseph through all his challenges, and Joseph went from being a prisoner in jail to becoming second in command of all of Egypt.

God extended his mercy, and Egypt prospered with Joseph in charge. That's when Joseph's brothers come back into the story. They come face to face with Joseph, who they thought was dead. They feared that Joseph would want his revenge on them. However, because Joseph received God's mercy, he extended

that mercy to his brothers.

Could you have done what Joseph did? Are you able to show kindness to others even if you think they don't deserve it? That is what God wants all of his children to do. God wants for us to give the compassion to others that we freely receive from him (Luke 6:36).

Prayer

Dear Father of compassion, please give me the heart of mercy and to be kind. Teach me how to show mercy to others, the same way you did to us. In your name, Amen.

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