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**Assignments:**

**Preschool:** Talk with your preschooler about how when we do wrong, God forgives us and wipes away our sin. To demonstrate this, get two clear cups. Fill one half full with water and a few drops of food coloring. Fill the other halfway with a 2 to 1 ratio of bleach and water. Pour the bleach cup into the colored cup and watch the color disappear. Talk with your preschooler about what happened and how it is like God's forgiveness. Relate the activity to Hebrews 10:17.

**Elementary:** After talking to your agents about forgiveness, complete the following object lesson. Have your agent wear a backpack and then ask for their "forgiveness." Have your agent say no, and add something heavy to their backpack. Continue this until the backpack gets too heavy. Have your agent "forgive you," each time taking away one of the weights. Relate this to forgiveness. When we don't forgive, it "weighs" on us and holds us down.

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How does forgiveness conflict with pride?

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