OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, As humans, we acknowledge that we are prone to sin and often fall short of honoring You. Please forgive us for all of our wrongdoings and shortcomings. As we continue to live our lives, we pray that You help us to forgive others just as You have forgiven us. We ask for Your mercy and grace and pray these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

TEACHING

Watch Lesson 15: Forgive Us.

Themes: Forgiveness, Grace, and Mercy.



SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35. ILSB p. 16221

Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism ISC1:

The Lord's Prayer (Fifth Petition) ISC pp. 264-268 | Central Thought | Questions 276-280 | Answers | Scripture | Connections and

Applications

QUESTION TIME Share a short story about a time when you forgave someone who hurt you.

When was a time that you did something that you needed to be forgiven for?

Read <u>Psalm 51:1-10</u>. List some of the ways this section of Scripture describes forgiveness. Read <u>Colossians 3:12-14</u>. What makes forgiveness important to healthy relationships?

Why is God's forgiveness of us so important to our forgiveness of other people?

CLOSING PRAYER Dear God, Please help me to forgive others, just as You have forgiven me. I know that even though I make mistakes and sin against You every day, You continue to love and forgive me. Please give me the strength and grace to show love and forgiveness to everyone around me. for Your glory. In Jesus' name. I pray. Amen.

LESSON 15 - LORD'S PRAYER: FORGIVE US