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Forgiveness

a Hasidic parable adapted by Eva Grayzel

A king quarrels with his son. In a fit of rage, he exiles him from the kingdom.

After a number of years, the king's heart softens. He sends his ministers to ask his son to come home. They eventually find the young man, but he turns down the invitation. He feels too bitter and hurt.

When the ministers present the sad news to the king, he sends them out again with a new message for his son: "Return as far as you can; I will come the rest of the way to meet you."

Discussion topic:

We don't forgive other people because they deserve it. Instead we choose to forgive those who have hurt us because we cannot fully let go of the destructive emotions inside of us until we do.

Forgiveness allows me to know whatever caused me pain doesn't define me.

There is a distinction between forgiving and forgetting. We want to remember to safeguard ourselves from it happening again.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

There is something magical in a great story; imaginations are exercised, hearts are stirred, and new thinking emerges. This story is designed to be a quick, easy read with a valuable message, providing readers a motivational lift.

- Positively influence your day by treating yourself to an uplifting message.
- Share this story with co-workers. Discuss and bond with your team over core values.
- Read this story to children at bedtime or in a car to promote healthy communication.

GENERATE NEW THINKING AND INITIATE DIALOGUE BY ASKING THESE QUESTIONS:

What's the lesson to be learned?

How do you see yourself in the story?

If you could change anything in the story, what would it be?

How will this narrative change what you do or think?

Who would you share the story with and why?

AFTER READING THE STORY WITH CHILDREN, TRY THESE FUN ACTIVITIES:

Role-play/act out the story. Include simple props (hats, scarves).

Reword the core message of the story in rhyme.

Pick a holiday or a birthday and make a tradition of sharing a story.

Ask an older relative for personal story related to the message. Start a collection of family stories.

Record any personal stories that arise from these family activities.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL: WHAT'S YOURS? SHARE AND CREATE CONNECTIONS

Who influenced your life and how?

What is your love story?

What is your greatest fear?

Who would you like to forgive or receive forgiveness from?

What would you do differently with a second chance?

ABOUT EVA GRAYZEL: SPEAKER, SURVIVOR, STORYTELLER

I call myself a Motivational Storyteller because every story I share, whether on a big stage or in a small group, is thoughtfully crafted to educate, entertain and inspire audiences.

This is just one of many stories available to you on EvaGrayzel.com. I would love to hear how you used the story and if it facilitated communication. If you are looking for a story on a particular subject, don't hesitate to ask.

Happy Storytelling!

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