



Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 19

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God calls us to
show mercy and
not judge others



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Have you ever felt judged by somebody? How did you feel?
2. Why should we be careful about judging others?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
M	Genesis 18:20-33	Abraham pleads for Sodom
T	Genesis 33:1-16	Jacob meets Esau
W	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph forgives his brothers
T	Exodus 14:19-31	Parting of the Red Sea
F	Romans 14:1-12	The weak and the strong
S	Psalms 103:1-13	Praise the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

So why do you judge your brothers or
sisters in Christ? And why do you think
you are better than they are? We will all
stand before God to be judged.

ROMANS 14:10



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Act out the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) or read it together, with household members speaking as the different characters in the Parable.

Then talk about each character.

What are they like?

Which of the characters are you most like?

Take turns praying for each other, that God may help you to be kind and forgiving towards others.



ACTION RESPONSE

Joseph was badly treated by his brothers, but God used what happened to bring about good (Genesis 50:20).

Through his work as a leader in Egypt, God used Joseph to take care of many people in a time of great famine. Prepare a letter to send to an elected leader in your community. Thank them for their work and let them know that you are praying for them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, as we eat
the food you give,
make us ready to
forgive. We're so
glad we have your
love; thank you,
Father, up above.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, help us not
to judge others.
Help us to accept
them and be kind
to them. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord
forgive you all your
sins, and help you
to forgive others.