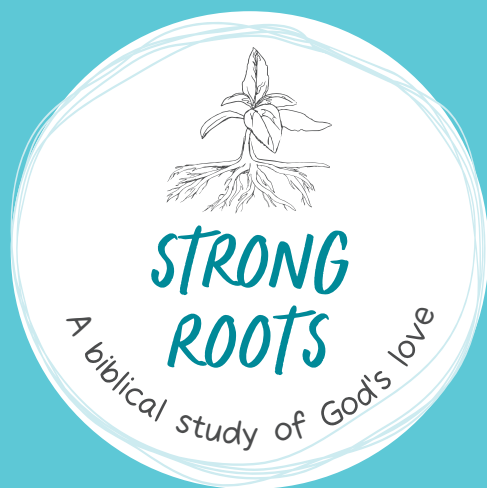




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Pre - K Level

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God's Love Is Forgiving

When we make wrong choices,
when we give in to sin,
God is always ready to forgive us—
we just need to call out to Him!

For God will always hear us,
He's waiting and ready to forgive,
He hears His children's prayers,
and to them His love He gives.



→ KEY TRUTH:

God's love is forgiving.

📖 NUMBERS 14:13-19



Lord,
please **FORGIVE**
me for the
wrong things
I have done.
Help me to
show Your love
to others.



Put the sticker over the confessed sin to show God's forgiving love.

*Add today's root sticker to your tree on pages 4-5: God's love is FORGIVING.

Primary Level

Ages 5 - 7

God's Love Is Forgiving

In Numbers 14, we see Abraham's family, known as the Israelites, brought out of slavery in Egypt to the land of Canaan, where God had promised Abraham his family would live!

The people were ready to go into the land God had promised them, but they turned against God because they were frightened by the giants that lived in Canaan. They rebelled against their leader, Moses, and complained that God had brought them out of Egypt only to let them be killed in battle. They even wanted to go back to Egypt, where they had been slaves!

Even though God had worked miracles to bring them out of Egypt, the people did not believe that God would do what He said He would do. This was serious sin, and God promised to punish it. He would destroy these faithless and rebellious people and raise up a new nation.

Read  **Numbers 14:13-19.**

What does Moses ask the Lord?

Moses asks God to forgive the people's sin because of His merciful and steadfast love.

Read
Psalms 86:5.

What does this
verse promise?

**God's love is forgiving
when we call out to Him.**

God hears those who call on Him and ask for forgiveness. God forgives the Israelites countless times in the Old Testament. They obey Him for a while and then forget and go back to their sin. But every time they repent of their sin and ask God to forgive them, God is ready to do so. He lovingly and constantly reminds them that He will always forgive a repentant heart.

God doesn't get angry when we mess up and sin. The God who showed forgiveness when Moses cried out to Him is the same God who will forgive us when we call out to Him!

Draw what sin you will trust God to forgive you for today.

LYING

STEALING

SELFISHNESS

POUTING

DISOBEYING

ARGUING

TEMPER

CHEATING

TANTRUMS



Pray and thank God that you are rooted in His forgiving love.

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Junior Level

Ages 8 - 12

God's Love Is Forgiving

We saw yesterday that God's love is merciful because He does not give us the punishment we deserve for our sin when we confess that sin to Him. Today we're going to look at why He shows us such mercy!

Remember the promise God made to Abraham? God had brought his family, the Israelites, out of slavery into Canaan, the land He had promised. But they were frightened! There were giants in Canaan. So they rebelled and complained that God had brought them out of Egypt to let them be killed in battle. They even wanted to go back to Egypt, where they had been slaves!

Read **Numbers 14:11-12**.

How does God respond to the rebellious people?

Despite the miracles God had worked to get them out of Egypt, the people did not believe that God would do what He said He would do. This was serious sin, and God promised to punish it. He would destroy these faithless and rebellious people and raise up a new nation.



Read **KEY VERSES** **Numbers 14:13-19**. Why does Moses ask the Lord not to destroy the people?

Moses asked God to forgive the people's sin because of His merciful and steadfast love.

Read **Psalm 86:5**. What does this verse promise?

God's love is FORGIVING when we call out to Him.

God hears those who ask for forgiveness. God forgives the Israelites countless times in the Old Testament. Every time they repent of their sin and ask God to forgive them, God is ready and willing to do so. Throughout the Old Testament, He lovingly and constantly reminds them that He will always forgive a repentant heart.

Read **1 John 1:9**. How does God show His forgiving love to you and me?



God never refuses to offer us forgiveness when we come to Him. Maybe you get upset with your siblings and speak unkind words or you disobey your parents. Even though you are saved, you will still struggle with sin every day. This is true for all Christians while we live on this earth.

Thankfully, God doesn't get angry with us when we mess up and sin. The God who showed forgiveness when Moses cried out to Him is the same God who hears our prayers and shows us forgiveness too!

What sin will you trust God to forgive you for today?

As you pray, thank God that you are rooted in His forgiving love.

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Youth Level
Ages 13 and up

God's Love Is Forgiving

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Read *Numbers 14:1-4*. What is happening in these verses?

Remember the promise God made to Abraham about his family and where they would live? That family was known as the Israelites, God's chosen people. God had brought them out of slavery in Egypt and all the way to the land of Canaan, where He had promised Abraham his family would live someday!

But now that the people were here, ready to go into the land God had promised would be theirs, they rebelled against God. They were frightened by the strong cities and the giants that lived in Canaan. So they rebelled against their leader, Moses, and complained that God had brought them out of Egypt only to let them be killed in battle. They wanted to go back to Egypt, where they had been slaves! Can you even imagine?

Read *Numbers 14:11-12*. How does God respond to the disbelieving and rebellious people?

Despite the miracles God had worked to get them out of Egypt and the strength He had shown, the people did not believe that God would do what He said He would do. This was serious sin, and God promised to punish it. He would destroy these faithless and rebellious people and raise up a new nation.

Read  *Numbers 14:13-19*. Why does Moses ask the Lord not to destroy the people?

Moses believed that the Egyptians and other nations would say God wasn't faithful or strong enough to keep His promise that the Israelites would live in the land of Canaan. Moses pleaded with God to forgive the people's sin because of His merciful and steadfast love.

Read *Psalm 86:5*. What does this verse promise?

God's love is *forgiving* when we call out to Him.

God hears those who call on Him and ask for forgiveness. God forgives the Israelites countless times in the Old Testament. They obey Him for a while and then forget and return to their sin. But every time they repent of their sin and ask God to forgive them, God is ready and willing to do so. Throughout the Old Testament, He lovingly and constantly reminds them that He will always forgive a repentant heart.

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But God doesn't get angry or impatient with us when we mess up and sin. The same God who showed forgiveness when Moses and the psalmist cried out to Him for forgiveness is the God we can trust to hear our prayers of confession and forgive us today too!

What sin will you trust God to forgive you for today?

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As you pray, thank God that you are rooted in His forgiving love. Ask Him to help you remember His desire to show love to you in this way.

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Parent Guide

God's Love Is Forgiving

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Read *Numbers 14:11-12*. How does God respond to the disbelieving and rebellious people?

Despite the miracles God had worked to get them out of Egypt and the strength He had shown, the people did not believe that God would do what He said He would do. This was serious sin, and God promised to punish it. He would destroy these faithless and rebellious people and raise up a new nation.

Read KEY VERSES *Numbers 14:13-19*.
What does Moses ask from the Lord? Why?

Moses pleaded with God to forgive the people's sin because of His merciful and steadfast love. Though God did punish those who had openly rebelled against Him and not repented of their sin, because His love is infinitely forgiving, God did not destroy the people.

Though God showed forgiveness to those who repented, the passage seems to indicate that Israel as a whole did not repent of their rebellion. Because God is just, He cannot and will not just overlook unrepentant, rebellious sin. Hence, the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. But He will lovingly forgive those who repent and turn back to Him.

Read *Psalm 86:5*. What does this verse promise?

God's love is *forgiving* when we call out to Him.

God hears those who call on Him and ask for forgiveness. God forgives the Israelites countless times in the Old Testament. They obey Him for a while and then forget and return to their sin. But every time they repent of their sin and ask God to forgive them, God is ready and willing to do so. Throughout the Old Testament, He lovingly and constantly reminds them that He will always forgive a repentant heart.

Read *1 John 1:9*. How does God show His forgiving love to you and me?

God doesn't get angry or impatient with us when we mess up and sin. The same God who showed forgiveness when Moses and the psalmist cried out to Him for forgiveness is the God we can trust to hear our prayers of confession and forgive us today too!

This is a great opportunity to talk to your kids about sin. While still on earth, we will struggle, but God always forgives.

What sin will you trust God to forgive you for today?

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As you pray, thank God that you are rooted in His forgiving love. Ask Him to help you remember His desire to show love to you in this way.

*Add today's root sticker to your tree on pages 6-7: God's love is FORGIVING.

Scripture: Numbers 14:13-19

Key Truth: God's love is forgiving when we call out to Him.

Discussion: How does God show His forgiving love to us? What sin do you need to ask forgiveness for today?



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