



Advent Week Two:

Family Learning Activities

Recommended for December 6th to 11th, as all the schools are looking at forgiveness and repentance this week.

Compassion Through Forgiveness

Read together this reading from the second letter of Peter:

A Reading from 2 Peter 3 (abbreviated):

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting to lose any one, but wanting all to come to repentance (*forgiveness - lead lives of holiness and godliness.*)

The Word of the Lord

Infecting the World with Compassion: Decorate one of your windows with words of forgiveness. What would you want the world, or your neighbourhood, to know about how compassion heals the world through forgiveness? Example: be patient like God, be kind, forgive others, all are loved...

The Value of All

Sometimes we move quickly to judge others by how they look, and instead of treating those "different" from us with compassion, we treat them like they have no value.

Hold up a \$10 bill (or any bill) and ask family members if they believe it has value.

Crumple up the bill and ask again, does it have value?

Throw it on the floor and stomp on it a bit. Ask again, does it have value?

How are we called to treat items and people of value? How are we called to treat people who may not look like us, or people we see as crumpled and a bit worn out?

Where do we see "crumpled" people? What might we consider doing to help them?

(Adapted from [Vibrant Faith](#))

