



# Pathway Kids Spring 2026

## Leader Devos

### March 9, 2026



**Live Like Jesus-** Jesus was hurt and placed on a cross, but even then, He showed love and forgiveness to the people around Him. One man beside Jesus believed in Him, and Jesus promised that man he would be with Him in heaven. Luke 23:26-43

*Bible-* **Mar 9-** Luke 23:26-43 Jesus forgives when it's hard, so we forgive when it's hard.

**Mar 16-** Spring Break- No Groups

**Read:** Luke 23:26-43

**In This Passage:** Jesus is dying a humiliating death on the cross. As the soldiers torture him and gamble for his clothes, he extends forgiveness. They continue to mock him, but he doesn't condemn them. A criminal on the cross next to Jesus believes in Jesus, and Jesus extends forgiveness for his sins, too.

**Bible Point:** Jesus forgives when it's hard...

**Application:** ...so we forgive when it's hard.

**Memory Verse:** "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

**Dig Deeper**

**You'll Be Teaching:** Jesus forgives when it's hard. It's a lot easier to receive forgiveness than to extend it. Kids might wonder if others really deserve their forgiveness. Maybe the people who hurt them don't seem that sorry. Jesus' example shows that forgiveness isn't about being sorry or deserving it. We can forgive even when it's hard.

**Think About:** What's a grudge you've been holding on to? Ask Jesus to help you let it go.

**Dig In to Prayer**

Ask God to help your kids fully accept and fully extend God's grace and forgiveness.

**Quick Tip**

Demonstrate forgiveness with your kids. It's easy to hold on to your view of kids based on their past behavior or what previous teachers have warned you about. Putting these labels on kids demonstrates a lack of forgiveness rather than giving them a fresh start. Instead of expecting certain behaviors from the "bad" kids, approach each week as a clean slate for kids.