

Virtues: Faith and Character Development

FORGIVENESS

How to Show Forgiveness

Quote of the month:

To Err is Human. To Forgive is Divine

1. Let your actions be guided by the idea that Jesus said, “Let he who is without sin, cast the first stone.”

- It’s easy to criticize others but no one is perfect
- If God doesn’t judge us, how can WE judge others

2. The first step to forgiveness is to take responsibility for your actions.

- We usually know when we’ve done something wrong
- Saying sorry can be tough but if you’re wrong, it’s the right thing to do

3. If you want to be forgiven, you need to make sure you forgive other people

- We know that God will always forgive us when we do something wrong
- If someone is really trying to make things better, we should try and move on from our anger and forgive them the way God forgives us

4. Live your life in a way that makes others know you are a follower of Christ

- Jesus forgave others even when he was on the cross

Further suggestions for Faith and Character Development Education

- If you do not have a Character Virtues bulletin board, consider having some information on Faith and Character Development available for parents to take home on Parent Teacher interview night
- Encourage students to follow the four steps for the virtue of the month by giving out Gotchas (students’ names goes in a classroom box every time they show one of the criteria and at the end of the week, you do a classroom draw and the winner receives a small dollar store prize)

• Really try to complete some of the calendar activities. The best way to make virtues come alive is to immerse our students in the ideas around them