

Books and Movies on Forgiveness



Hermie: God Forgives Me, and I Forgive You By: Max Lucado

"Children learn the importance of friendship and second chances with Hermie! While preparing for a festival, Hermie promises to help Wormie but forgets. Wormie is quick to forgive, but when the roles are reversed, will Hermie show grace? This level two reader reflects concepts taught in Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant."

Could It Happen to Anyone? by Mar Pavon,

"Balzo accompanies his mother to a store where children cannot touch anything. To avoid boredom, he pretends to be a caterpillar and accidentally bumps his head and makes a mess. Neither his mother nor the shopkeeper notice the bump but instead give Balzo a hard time because of the mess he has made. Imaginative and charming, this story illustrates the importance of forgiving children's mishaps."

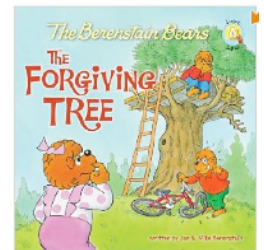


French Fry Forgiveness by Nancy Simpson,

"A humorous story of friendship and forgiveness, sure to delight children while teaching them the importance of living Christian principles every day. Alex seeks God's help in trying to forgive a troublemaker on her swim team."

The Berenstain Bears and the Forgiving Tree

"In The Berenstain Bears and the Forgiving Tree, Cousin Fred accidentally damages Brother's brand-new bike. When Brother Bear gets angry, can Sister Bear help him see that forgiving his friend is the right thing to do?"

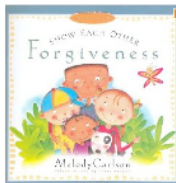
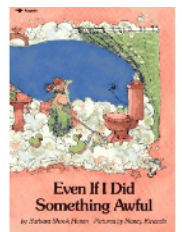


The Butterfly That Found Her Way Home by Susan Brindle

"An adventure story which leads the little butterfly to a new understanding of God's mercy, forgiveness, and love found within the Sacrament of Penance."

Even If I Did Something Awful? by Barbara Shook Hazen

"Oh, oh! When a football breaks a favorite vase, a little girl wonders if her mommy will still love her. In a reassuring ending, Mommy proves she will always love her little girl, no matter what happens."



Show Each Other Forgiveness By Melody Carlson

"After a very unhappy day spent getting upset with friends and family, a young boy learns the importance of forgiveness."

Making Things Right The Sacrament of Reconciliation by Leannine Timko Lechner

Bible Story - Zacchaeus

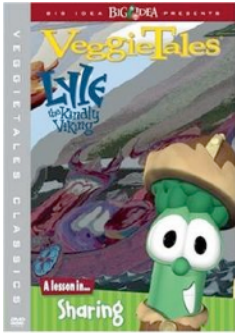
Bible Story - Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Bible Story - The Thief Crucified next to Jesus

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

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Veggie Tales
God Wants Me to Forgive Them?
Lyle the Kindly Viking
Ballad of Little Joe



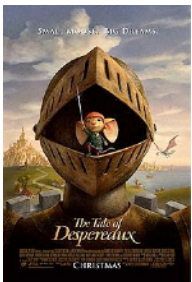
The Lorax

The Once-ler made poor choices, even though knew what he was doing was wrong. He must seek for forgiveness from Thneendville, his friends, and from the Lorax. He must take new steps towards healing the world and community he hurt. It is also a great lesson on Caring for God's Creations at the same time!



The Lion King

The Lion King shows us that through our initiation into our community, we have a responsibility to each other. Simba must recognize what he did was wrong (he ran away from his problems and the pride), seek forgiveness and make it right.



The Tale of Despereaux

"The star of The Tale of Despereaux may be small in stature, but he offers kids and parents alike some big lessons about forgiveness and compassion. His character illustrates one of the film's central themes, that forgiveness is more valuable than revenge."



Despicable Me

Despicable Me can be a great way to teach about conversion and contrition, to stop the poor choices we are making and start making good choices right away. It also is a great way to teach about it NEVER being too late to seek reconciliation.