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THINK: A debt is an obligation to pay for something. In Jesus' model prayer, He shows how to ask God to forgive our debts, or sins, and to help us forgive people who owe us debts or have sinned against us. We all need God's forgiveness and God's help to forgive others.

PRAY: God, please forgive me and help me forgive others. I can't do it on my own, and I need Your help. Amen.

DAY 2 READ: Matthew 6:14 (KBC Study Bible, page 1032)

DO: Think of a friend who has hurt or offended you. God has forgiven you and wants you to forgive others in return. Write your friend a note saying you forgive them for hurting you.

PRAY: Dear God, help me forgive others even when it's hard. Thank You for forgiving me. Amen.

DAY 3 READ: 1 John 1:9 (KBC Study Bible, page 1355)

DO: In this verse, the "He" refers to God. God is the only one who can forgive sin. God forgives us when we confess, or tell Him how we have sinned. Take time right now to confess your sin to God and ask Him for forgiveness.

PRAY: Heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against You. I'm sorry, please forgive me. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive my sin. Amen.

DAY 4 READ: Matthew 18:21-22 (KBC Study Bible, page 1051)

THINK: Jesus said that we should forgive someone who has hurt us not seven times, but seventy times seven times. Can you do the math? That's 490 times, which is so many that you will lose count. God wants you to forgive someone over and over and over. With God's help, you can do it!

PRAY: God, help me to have an attitude of forgiveness. Amen.

DAY 5 READ: Psalm 32:5 (KBC Study Bible, page 580)

THINK: You probably feel guilty sometimes when you know you did something wrong. The Bible says that when God forgives sin, He forgets it forever. Because of Jesus, your sin can be forgiven and completely erased from God's memory.

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