



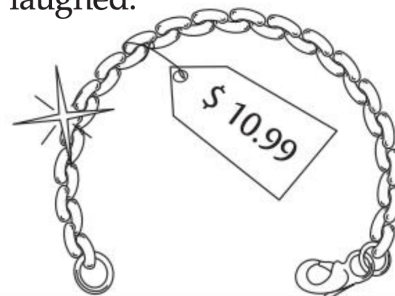
## How Can You Show Forgiveness?

One of the boys in your class is always showing off. Last week he tore your backpack trying to show how strong he was. Yesterday he broke the CD you had brought to play during a presentation. Now he's coming up to you on the playground.



Your sister was arrested for shoplifting. At home, she cried and said how sorry she was. A girl named Gina at school heard about it. She joked to her friends that your sister would steal anything that wasn't tied down. Everyone laughed.

Now you meet Gina in the hallway.



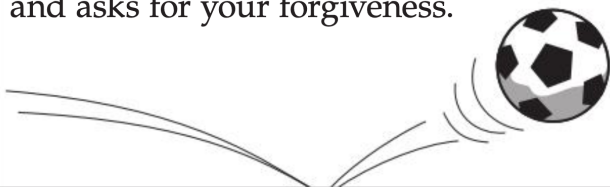
A girl in your class was upset because she failed to win the speech contest. She was angry when you were chosen instead. You overhear her telling some of her friends that you probably won because your father and the teacher are friends. The next time you see her, she calls you a loser.



You always wear clothes your older brother has outgrown. They are nice, but you would prefer to have some new clothes of your own. A boy at church asks, "Where'd you get the weird shirt?" When you answer that it was your brother's, he replies, "Your parents are cheap. My parents buy me everything new."



Whenever teams are picked, you are the last one chosen. It hurts to be last. Yesterday there were three others left when the team captain called your name. Before you could move, another child said, "Oh no, not that kid! We'll lose for sure. Choose Callie!" The captain changed his mind. Later, he feels bad about changing his mind and asks for your forgiveness.



Your friend asks you to go bike riding after school. You agree and wait for him to show up, but he never does. The next day he comes to explain and ask forgiveness.

