

Dinnertime Devotion

– Do We Have to Forgive? –

When Gabe tried on his new shoes, he was so excited to wear them to school the next day. They were exactly what he'd always wanted—blue with silver stripes and cool glow-in-the-dark laces. When the bus pulled up to the school, he grabbed his backpack and ran out to greet his friends. But before he could even say a word, Connor spoke up and said, “What’s with your shoes? Those look stupid.”

Gabe was crushed....and embarrassed. The bell rang, rescuing him from the awkward moment, and he headed off to class. He tried to forget it, but he spent the rest of the day thinking about the mean thing Connor had said. It hurt his feelings! And, it made him mad.

What do you think Gabe should do?

- A. Say something mean back to Connor to teach him a lesson.
- B. Forgive Connor in his heart and pray for him.
- C. Stop being friends with Connor.

The correct answer is B.

Jesus tells us to forgive others just like He forgives us. Sometimes that’s hard, and we need God’s help! If you ask Him, He will always help you forgive others, and you will have a good feeling in your heart all the time.

Today’s Verse: “Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” –Ephesians 4:32