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# LUKE THE FORGIVER

JOHN NEVER FORGAVE ANYONE. IF SOMEONE BUMPED HIM IN THE HALLWAY AT SCHOOL, HE WOULD CALL THEM NAMES. "BUMP-ME-BOBBY," "CLUMSY KIM," OR "SILLY SARA." IF SOMEONE DID JUST ONE THING WRONG TO HIM, HE WOULD NEVER FORGET IT.

ONE DAY, JOHN TOOK OUT A PENCIL FROM HIS PENCIL CASE AND REALIZED THAT HE HAD ACCIDENTALLY BORROWED A PENCIL FROM HIS FRIEND LUKE, AND NOT RETURNED IT. IT HAD BEEN SIX MONTHS! HE IMMEDIATELY RAN TO HIS FRIEND AFTER CLASS AND APOLOGIZED.

JOHN WAS CONFUSED. "WHY DID YOU ONLY SMILE AND TALK WITH ME AS IF I DIDN'T RETURN YOUR PENCIL? YOU MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN, TOO," JOHN SAID.

HIS FRIEND LUKE RESPONDED. "IT'S NOT THAT I FORGOT, JOHN, IT'S JUST THAT I DIDN'T TRY TO REMEMBER YOUR MISTAKE EVERY TIME THAT I SAW YOU. ANGER MAKES YOU SMALLER AND EACH DAY I AM TRYING TO GROW BIGGER AS A PERSON."