

The unforgiving servant

Hello Mom and Dad

Today we would like to remind you that you are dearly loved by our heavenly Father. 1 John3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" Whatever you may be facing as an individual or as a family, may this truth anchor you knowing that our loving Father concerns Himself with every detail of your life.

This week we aim to continue teaching each child to walk in the freedom that comes with forgiveness. When we consider the example of the unforgiving servant we can learn from God's heart and avoid the temptation to remain arrogant in our unforgiveness. We believe each child needs to be equipped to conquer the enemy through walking just like Jesus.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To help kids to not harbour anger against others
- To teach kids to forgive others

To start your time together, we encourage you to thank the Lord out loud for His goodness and faithfulness. Ask each person what they are thankful for. Help each child indicate by making examples such as, "I am thankful to the Lord for His protection and for giving us food every day." Allow time for each child to state their thanksgiving. We have put together a selection of songs you may use as you launch into the lesson.

We are thankful for God's unending grace in Jesus.

We are cheering you on!

With love,
3CKids Team



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What to prepare:

- Matthew 18: 21-35
- White board and marker or chalk board and chalk

Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4 **(Send Your Rain)**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io> **(First)**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s> **(I will go)**



Memory verse:

Colossians 3:13



"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others"

Declaration for the week:

I forgive everyone the way God forgives me



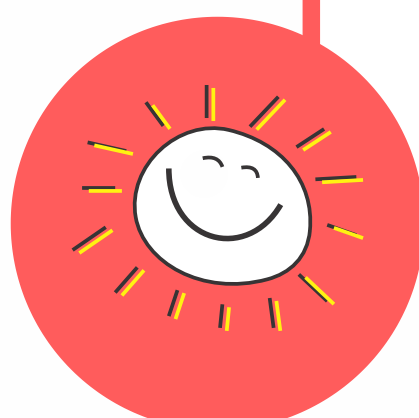
Activity Sheet

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity – Counting
- Activity – Physical
- Activity - Colouring
- Activity – Make a heart craft
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Fitness Fun

Fitness is always fun when you involve the family. Learn new skills and grow strong together with these exercises.



Lesson Time

Opening Activity: Using a whiteboard or chalkboard, ask each child to name some bad actions that would need forgiveness. Make a BIG mark on the board representing each sin. For example: stealing, disobeying, back chatting etc. (Make sure you get a lot of ideas)

Now ask about a time that someone wronged each child and they were angry. For example: a sibling taking a toy without asking, a friend that was unkind etc. Make a small dot to show the sin that someone has committed against them.

Say: Sin marks our lives and Jesus is the only one who can take away our sin.

Erase every sin (BIG mark) with a cloth.

Say: This is what God does when we ask Him to forgive us our sins. He removes our sins from us. God also wants us to learn to forgive others the same way He forgave us.

Pray with me: Father God, thank You so much that we are able to get together and learn about You. We pray that You open our hearts to hear what You want to teach us more about forgiveness today. We love you. In Jesus name. Amen.

Repeat the declaration: I forgive everyone the way God forgives me

Say: Have you ever done something wrong and you were scared to be punished? (let kids acknowledge – mention some of the things said in the ice breaker)

How many of you have begged your mom and dad not to punish you? (let them respond to how they go to their parents when they did something seriously wrong). Well when we have done something wrong we do not want to be punished right?

Read Matthew 18:23-27

Say: Wow, that sounds pretty nice, right? The king forgave the servant who owed him a whole lot of money and let him go completely free and clear. The king forgave his servant even though the servant was wrong and did not punish him.

Ask: Do you think you would be happy if you were let off when you should be punished?

Read Matthew 18:28-31

Say: Oh oh... this does not seem fair! This servant who was just forgiven a lot of debt was not too grateful. When he found a friend who owed him just a little bit of money, he was angry with him.

Ask: Is it ever good to stay angry at something done against us?

Read Matthew 18:32-35

Say: When we forgive other people we need to remember how much God has forgiven us. There may be times when people do really mean things to you and you get angry. You might forgive, but still remember how they acted. God can help us to not stay angry as we ask Him to change our hearts. We can go to Him in prayer and He will help us to forgive everyone, everything every time, just like He forgives us. God forgives us no matter how big our sin is. He also wants us to forgive other people the same way. There is no room for anger in our hearts when we remember the way God forgives us.

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Repeat declaration: I forgive everyone the way God forgives me



Application:

Say: Think of where you have been angry with people for something they have done against you.

Pray after me: "Father God, thank You for loving me. Please forgive me for being angry against people who have hurt and said bad things about me. With Your help I will forgive everyone the way that You forgive me. In Jesus name, Amen"

Create:

Make a heart craft according to the instructions given on the activity sheet.

Declare what the blood of Jesus has done for us. Let's say it together:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me from sin.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified, and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

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Devotion plans:

You are welcome to use the devotions that accompany the lessons throughout the week to help each child connect to the Word daily. The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion.

Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

