



Session Fifteen: Forgive Like Jesus

Today's Point:

God wants us to forgive others and treat them with kindness.

Bible Verse:

Luke 6:37

CSB: *Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

KJV: *Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.*

Today's Bible Skill:

- Memorize Luke 6:37
- Find Luke in the New Testament
- Understand that Jesus taught this to help us know how to treat others

Bible Truth Activity:

Game: "Forgive or Hold a Grudge?"

Object of the game: Teach kids to recognize forgiveness as the right choice.

Directions:

1. Read a short scenario.
2. Kids give a "thumbs up" if it's a time to forgive, "thumbs down" if it's holding a grudge.

Examples:

- "Your friend bumps into you by accident and says sorry." (Forgive – 👍)
- "Your brother breaks your toy and you say, 'I'll never play with you again!'" (Grudge – 👎)
- "A classmate laughs at you but later apologizes." (Forgive – 👍)

Say:

Forgiving doesn't mean what happened is okay. Forgiveness means letting go of the hurt because God forgave us first.

Bible Discovery Discussion:

Ask the kids:

- What does "judge" mean? (Thinking badly about someone without knowing the whole story)
- Why is it wrong to condemn others? (It hurts and only God can truly judge hearts)
- How does God want us to treat people instead?

Say:

Jesus teaches us not to judge, not to condemn, but to forgive. That's because God forgives us when we ask. We can show His love by forgiving others.

Bible Verse Activity – Motion Memory**Motions:**

- *Do not judge* – Shake finger "no"
- *And you will not be judged* – Point to yourself and shake head "no"
- *Do not condemn* – Cross arms in an "X"
- *And you will not be condemned* – Open arms wide
- *Forgive* – Pretend to hand something to someone
- *And you will be forgiven* – Hug yourself
- *Luke 6:37* – Hold up 6, then 3, then 7 with your fingers

Practice several times with motions, then let the kids try without looking.

Bible Skills Activity: “Forgiveness Chain”

Materials:

- Strips of construction paper
- Markers
- Tape or stapler

Instructions:

1. Each child writes or draws one way they can show forgiveness on a strip.
2. Link the strips together to make a long paper chain.
3. Hang the chain in the classroom as a reminder.

Say:

When we forgive, it brings people together like this chain links. Forgiveness is one of the best ways to show God’s love.