



## Session Twenty-Eight: God Wants Forgiving Hearts

### Today's Point:

God wants us to forgive others.

### Bible Verse: Matthew 6:14

**CSB:** "For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well."  
Matthew 6:14

**KJV:** "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."  
Matthew 6:14

### Today's Bible Skill:

- Continue memorizing Matthew 6:14
- Practice finding chapters and verses
- Learn that Jesus taught about forgiveness

### Bible Truth Activity:

#### Game: Crumpled Paper Clean-Up

#### Object of the game:

Kids will learn how forgiveness helps restore relationships.

#### Materials:

- Scrap paper

#### Directions:

Give each child a piece of paper.

Ask them to crumple it up tightly.

Explain that sometimes hurtful words or actions can make friendships feel messy.

Then have children carefully smooth the paper back out.

Say:

The paper still has wrinkles, but it can be used again. Forgiveness helps relationships heal.

Read Matthew 6:14 aloud.

Ask:

- Has someone ever hurt your feelings?
- Is forgiveness sometimes hard?
- Why does God want us to forgive?

(Allow responses.)

Say:

God forgives us, and He wants us to forgive others too.

### **Bible Verse Activity – Step and Say**

Place pieces of paper on the floor like stepping stones.

As children step from paper to paper, say one part of the verse together:

- “For if you forgive others”
- “their offenses”
- “your heavenly Father”
- “will forgive you as well”

Repeat several times letting different children lead.

Encourage children to memorize the verse.

## **Bible Skills Activity: Chapter and Verse Challenge**

### **Materials:**

- Bible for each child

### **Instructions:**

Review:

- Book names
- Chapters
- Verses

Call out references for children to locate:

- Matthew 6:14
- Genesis 2:3
- Psalm 54:2

Allow children to work with partners if needed.

Conclude by saying:

The Bible teaches us how to live, love, and forgive like Jesus.