

Sunday, January 17
The Life of Jesus - lesson 11
Forgiveness

BIG IDEA - Forgiveness is always the right choice.

BIG VERSE - "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'" --- Matthew 18:32-33

TO THINK ABOUT -

- *Every day we do dumb, hurtful, or sinful things and make a mess.
- *Forgiveness is the only thing that can get rid of all the wrong things we do every day.
- *Today we are going to talk about the importance of forgiving others.

TALK TIME -

1. What does it mean to be forgiven?
2. What does the world say forgiveness is?
3. Why is it important that we forgive others?
4. What does God's forgiveness do?

WATCH -

<https://fervr.net/videos/forgiveness>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-DI5dqLz5M>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IbKfXZbZPw>

TALK TIME -

1. What does Jesus want us to learn from this parable?
2. What is the significance of the number 77?

WATCH -

<https://fervr.net/videos/seeking-forgiveness>

*The key to forgiving others is first being forgiven by Jesus.

TALK TIME -

1. Why is forgiving others so difficult?
2. What happens if we choose not to forgive people?
3. Is there anything someone can do to us that is not forgivable?

WATCH -

<https://www.iamsecond.com/film/an-innocent-man-a-crooked-cop/>

TO THINK ABOUT -

God reminds us of His forgiveness so that we'll mirror His actions. God commands us to forgive everyone who wrongs us. We should always hope that others will ask for our forgiveness, but God says that we should forgive even if that's not the case.

ACTIVITY -

Think about a time when you had difficulty forgiving someone.

Read these Bible verses:

- Matthew 6:14
- Ephesians 4:32
- Colossians 3:13
- 1 Peter 3:9
- Luke 6:37

Talk with someone about how each verse relates to the need to forgive others.

WATCH -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1Lu5udXEZI>

TO THINK ABOUT -

We have all been wronged by someone. The best way to ask God for help is to lay our burdens at the cross. When we do that, we are saying we know we can't do it on our own, we need Him to help us.

TO DO -

Think about someone who did something to you that you may have not forgiven yet. Ask God to help you take the first step.

Write the first letter of whatever has happened to you that is hard to forgive on a scratch piece of paper. (ex. L = lying)

When you are ready, put your card in your bible.

WATCH -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_ZWEO36jok

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