



## WEEK ONE – MARCH 2020

**Bible Story:** *Mercy Mercy Me (The Unmerciful Servant) • Matthew 18:21-35*

**Bottom Line:** *Forgive others because God forgives you.*

**Memory Verse:** *Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIRV)*

**Life App:** *Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay*

**Basic Truth:** *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

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**9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE**

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### Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

#### 1. Early Arriver Idea: May I Borrow

**Made to Play:** *an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** "Coins" (Activity Page), prepared templates

#### What You Do:

- Divide the kids into three groups and have them sit facing each other on either side of the room or Small Group space.
- Divide the coins between the three teams and pick a team to go first.
- During their turn, one team chooses a coin from their set to place in the blank, and they use it to ask another team for that coin.
- Each time a match is made, kids put those coins down in front of them and those coins are now "out of play."

- The goal is for each team to match as many coins as they can.
- Keep going until one team has no coins without matches left.
- The team with the most matches at the end is the winner.

**What You Say:**

“Wow, that was a fun game! You guys are so good at matching up all the coins! *[Transition]* Let’s head to Large Group to hear a story from the Bible about someone who borrowed from a king and couldn’t quite give it back!”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

**9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP**

*Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)  
Worship SONGS*

**9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP**

**GROUPS**

*(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)*

**\* 2. Create a Crown**

**[Live for God | Application Activity]**

*Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building and designing*

**What You Need:** “Create a Crown” Activity Pages; extra strips of paper; crayons or markers; jewel stickers or sticky jewels

**What You Do:**

- Set out the crowns and the decorating supplies.
- Let kids decorate their crowns, and remind them to write their names on their crowns.
- While the kids are decorating, use the paragraphs below to lead them in a conversation about what it means to forgive someone else.
- After the kids are done coloring, you can staple the crown together to fit their head and add the extra strips of paper if needed.

**What You Say:**

“When someone does something wrong to us, or something we don’t like, what do we usually want to do? *(Get back at them; do the same thing back; be mad; not be nice to them)* But that’s not what God wants us to do, is it? What does God want us to do instead? *(Forgive; not do something mean in return)*”

“Just like the king forgave the servant, we can forgive others. When you take your crown home, put it somewhere you will see it every day. Let it be a reminder of how the king forgave the servant, God forgives us, and we can forgive each other. Remember, **[Bottom Line] Forgive others because God forgives you.**”

### **Pray and Dismiss**

#### **[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]**

*Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** Kids’ crowns from the “Create a Crown” activity

#### **What You Do:**

- Ask the kids to sit in a circle with their crowns on their heads.
- Quickly give kids a few different situations where forgiveness is needed, and prompt them to respond with, **[Bottom Line] “Forgive others because God forgives you.”**
  - When a friend borrows a pencil and doesn’t give it back . . .
  - When your mom told you it was McDonald’s night for dinner, but it’s leftovers instead . . .
  - When your sister takes one of your toys to school and loses it . . .

#### **What You Say:**

“What will your crown help you remember this week? (*That we are supposed to forgive others just like God forgave us.*) Let’s pray and thank God for His forgiveness every day. Dear God, thank You so much for forgiving us every day. Help us forgive others just like You forgive us. We love You. Amen!”

As adults arrive to pick up, send kids home with their crowns and encourage kids to tell their parents what the crown is going to remind them about this week.