

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Large piece of butcher paper, washable inkpads, fine point markers or colored pencils, and hand wipes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids around the butcher paper.
- Encourage them to press their pointer finger onto an inkpad then place it on the butcher paper.
- If you have enough room, let kids make more than one fingerprint on the paper in front of them.
- Pass out wipes to clean fingers.
- Show the kids how to turn their fingerprints into little people with markers or colored pencils!
- The fingerprint can be the "body" and kids can add a head, arms, legs, and other details.
- Set the butcher paper aside for the "Forgiveness for Everyone" activity after Large Group.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Everybody Hurts

A Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet
Luke 7:36-50

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Everyone needs forgiveness.

MONTHLY 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, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Forgiveness—deciding that
someone who has wronged you
doesn't have to pay

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Look at all the awesome fingerprint people! I love how different they all are!
[Transition] Everyone has their own unique fingerprint. In our Bible story today, we'll hear about something that God gives everyone. I can't wait."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



* 1. FORGIVENESS FOR EVERYONE [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Listen for Forgiveness" Activity Page, heart cutouts, butcher paper creation from "Opening Activity"

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give a heart cutout to each kid.
- Read today's Bible story from the Activity Page.
- Ask the kids to raise their heart each time they hear someone in the story showing love or forgiveness.
- Pull out the butcher paper from "Opening Activity" and talk about how everyone, including each of us, needs forgiveness.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When the woman poured out the expensive perfume, kissed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair, Simon thought that she had done too many bad things to be so close to Jesus. Simon missed the whole point! Simon didn't understand that he needed forgiveness, too. **Everyone needs forgiveness.**

"This is good news for us for sure. We all mess up. We all make mistakes that sometimes hurt us and the people around us. Jesus came to show us that forgiveness is available to everyone. Hold up your heart right in front you. Jesus came to Earth to show us just how much God loves us. **Everyone needs forgiveness**, including you and me."

[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids about a time YOU needed forgiveness and you learned that God would forgive you, no matter what. How did it feel to know you were forgiven? How did you make it right with the person you hurt or disappointed?)

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MADE TO PLAY

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3. BUILD-A-VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared "Memory Verse Phrases" Activity Page blocks and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Help kids how find Colossians 3:13 with the tips below.

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***Finding verses with kindergartners:** Guide kids open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to "Colossians" at the top of the page as you say, "Colossians." Then guide kids to find the big number 3 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 3 for the little 13; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.*

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***Finding verses with 1st graders:** Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When kids find the table of contents, lead them to find "Colossians" in the list under "New Testament." You can help by telling them that "Colossians" starts with the letters C-O. When the kids find "Colossians," lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Colossians. Help the kids find the page. When they find Colossians, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 3. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 13 in chapter 3.*

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- Read the verse aloud two or three times to help familiarize them with the words.
- Explain that "put up with one another" means that we choose to forgive and look for the best in others, then we don't do the same thing back when someone is annoying us.
- Challenge the kids to build the verse, stacking one on top of the other in any way they choose.
- Point out the numbers of each card to help them put the blocks in order of the memory verse.

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"When we 'put up with one another' it means we are willing to see the best in others, to forgive and let things go. We shouldn't hold on to our anger or refuse to forgive. Why? Because we've been forgiven. God ALWAYS forgives us and we ALL need forgiveness, so we should be quick to forgive others. This week, if you find yourself staying angry and refusing to forgive, remember that **everyone needs forgiveness.** Put up with others around you by asking God to help you offer forgiveness, too."

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids to sit in a tight circle.
- Lead the group in prayer, saying each of their names as

you remind them that **everyone needs forgiveness.**

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You are an awesome, mighty, LOVING God. Thank You for (*go around the circle and say each kid's name*) and for the forgiveness you offer to each of us. Help us accept that forgiveness and be willing to forgive others, too. We love you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, point out the fingerprint people mural from "Opening Activity" and encourage the kids to share that **everyone needs forgiveness.**

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