



WEEK
ONE
MARCH 2023

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- Do you find it hard to forgive someone when they have done something wrong toward you? Why or why not?
- How does it make you feel when you have chosen to forgive someone else?
- What does it feel like when you've done something wrong, and you know you need forgiveness?
- What does it feel like to be forgiven?
- Why does everyone need forgiveness?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Everybody Hurts

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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What does it feel like to be forgiven?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Everyone needs forgiveness.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Colossians 3:13, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: Dice, Dominoes, White board or piece of paper, dry erase marker or marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- On either a white board or a piece of paper, write the words to Colossians 3:13 so everyone in the group can see it. (It's a long verse, so you can enlist kids to share in the writing responsibilities.)
Read it out loud once together.
Invite kids to sit in a circle and place a pile of Dominoes in the center.
Play a game where kids will take turns rolling the die.
Whatever number they roll, they will stack that many Dominoes on top of each other in the center of the circle.
With each eraser they place, they will say a word of the verse in order.
After the first person takes their turn, the next person who takes a turn will pick up where they left off for the verse and add their Dominoes to the already existing stack.
If the stack falls down at any time, the next person in the circle will start a new stack and go back to the beginning of the verse.
The goal is to try and work as a group to get the entire verse recited without the stack of erasers falling down.
Repeat as interest and time allow.
Explain that it may have felt frustrating each time the stack of Dominoes fell down. They all needed to have forgiveness for the kids who caused the stack to fall. Things will happen in our lives where we have to choose to have forgiveness for others when they mess up. The truth is: Everyone needs forgiveness!

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Letter paintings from earlier activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to carefully pick up the pieces of cardstock and slowly/carefully remove the tape from each piece.
• Once the tape is removed, challenge kids to unscramble the letters.
• Once kids come up with the word "EVERYONE" remind them that everyone needs forgiveness.
- It can be easy to point the finger and see how others need it. But we need forgiveness, too.
- Likewise, we should all be willing to forgive others. But we are not expected to do this all on our own. We can rely on God's strength to help us.
- God will always help us forgive. All we have to do is ask.
• Pray for your group.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, Thank You for today's reminder that everyone needs forgiveness. You know each of us, and You are aware of all that we're going through. I ask that You help every kid in this group to forgive those that they need to forgive. Give them your strength to handle difficult situations. Thank You that we can always come to You and rely on you for help. We love You, God. Amen."

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