

CITY LG- March 4th/5th

Bible Story: Lost Sheep • *Luke 15:1-7*

Bottom Line: God forgives you.

Memory Verse: “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” *Colossians 3:13, NIV*

Life App: Forgiveness—deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn’t have to pay.

CG: Pre-Show

WORSHIP

Hey Kids! Glad you’re here! Who is ready to worship? Great! This month we are learning about Forgiveness. Our first song is “*Movin’ Me*”. Great job! Jesus taught us that God always forgives us! Our second song is our song for the month, “*Look At Me*”. We want people to see God’s love when they see us.

Let’s pray: “ God thank you for sending your Son, Jesus. He taught us all about how to forgive others, because You always forgive us. Please bless our week. It’s in Your Son’s name we pray, Amen.”

LARGE GROUP

“Hey Parkview kids, how are you guys doing? *(Pause)* Awesome! My name is [Host’s name] and welcome to the City. I am glad you joined us today. We are going to start off with a game called Create A House. Here’s how to play.”

Create A House: Help the kids form groups of 6-10 kids. Inform the kids that they will get 30 seconds to form a house using the people in their group. When time is up you will go and judge the best-looking house and declare a winner of that round. Play a few rounds of the game and the team with the most points wins the game. Change what they create in each round, here are some suggestions: House, Hammer, Tree fort, paint brush, or Cement truck.

“If you haven’t caught on yet, we are starting a brand new series called, Fix It Up. No, we are not building a house, instead, we are looking at how to re-build the links that connect us with our family, friends, pets, and most importantly, with God. Now, you might be wondering, “how do you do that.” We do that with this thing called forgiveness. How many of you have heard of forgiveness? *(Pause)* Well, here’s the definition we will be using this month.”

CG: Forgiveness Slide

“Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn’t have to pay.’ Let’s read that together! *(Repeat Slide)*”

“How many of you have had someone break something that belonged to you? *(Pause for response)*. Ok, how many of us have broken someone else’s stuff? *(Pause for response)*. If you were anything like me you probably got really mad, right? It’s ok to feel mad or angry with someone else. It’s not ok to do something with that anger like yell, call someone a ‘tuna head’, or hit them. That NEVER leads to anything good. Instead, Jesus gives us the super power of forgiveness.”

“Whenever something goes wrong, like a friend rips a Pokémon card or you accidentally hit your friend in the face with a ball. It breaks down our relationships. You might trust them less. However, forgiveness helps to rebuild that trust with someone. By either giving forgiveness or asking for forgiveness, you are able to help rebuild that trust.”

“However, what if we do something that isn’t hurting anyone. Like cheat on a test, say a bad word when we are alone, or sneak an extra slice of super double extra chocolate fudge cake in our lunch, do we still need forgiveness? Well, we actually do. You see when we do something wrong the Bible calls that a sin. When we sin, we are not following God’s plan for our life. Now, rather than God getting angry and punishing us, he instead wants to forgive us. Jesus teaches us that in today’s story.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

“If you were here last week, Jesus told a story called a parable. Parables are stories that Jesus told to help us understand what God wants us to do. Today’s story is an important parable of Jesus and will teach us how God forgives us. So face towards the screen and check out this week’s video.

CG: 252 Basic Story Week 1

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

“Wow, Jesus goes and finds one lost sheep! That’s an awesome shepherd. Jesus must really care about us if He is willing to spend so much time trying to find one sheep when there were so many others. If it were me, I would have just let that sheep go. It was their fault anyway for not listening to me. That’s not what Jesus did. It didn’t matter how lost or dirty the sheep got, Jesus left the safe ones behind to find the one that was lost.”

“You and me, we are kind of like those lost sheep. We wander off from God’s plan for our lives when we disobey him. There was no way for us to get back to the herd or into heaven by ourselves. We needed someone who was without sin to make everything right or build our bridge to God. That’s where Jesus comes in. Jesus and God, who both have never done anything wrong, were able to forgive us for what we had done wrong.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “God forgives you.” Can you say that with me?” *(Repeat Slide).*

“No matter how many times or how big or small our sin is, God will forgive you. We need to review what we do to be forgiven by Jesus. So, let’s quickly go over the ABC’s. “A” stands for admit we have done wrong and we are sorry for disobeying God. “B” stands for believe that Jesus is God’s Son and He is our Lord and Savior. “C” stands for choose. We have to choose to follow God and not ourselves. Let’s look at our Memory Verse for some insight.”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

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“See, Jesus wants to forgive us and all we have to do is remember the ABC’s and ask for forgiveness. So this week, when you do something wrong on purpose or accident, remember to yourself “God

forgives me' and ask God for forgiveness. Doesn't matter if you are at school, home, the mall, or at a neighbor's house. Remember, 'God forgives me.' Let's pray."

Pray

"God, thank You for loving us so much. We are so thankful that You offer us Your forgiveness. You will always come after us when we are far away from You. When we ask for Your forgiveness, You give it to us for free over and over again. You are a good God, and we love You. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen!"