

CITY LG- March 25th/26th

Bible Story: 77 Times / Unmerciful Servant • *Matthew 18:21-35*

Bottom Line: Since God forgave you, you should forgive others.

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:

Better Than The Best Thing

Look At Me

“Hey Kids! Let’s worship! Our first song is Better Than The Best Thing! God’s love is so amazing – His love is better than anything! Let’s worship! Great job! Our second song is our theme song for the month, it’s Look At Me. We want other’s to see God’s love in us..... Great job! Let’s pray. God, thank you for loving us so much. Thank you for always forgiving us. We love you. Amen.”

“Hello Parkview kids, how are you doing today? (*Pause*) Come on that’s the loudest you can get? Awesome, today, is our last day of our series called Fix It Up. Before we get to the video, let’s play a game. How many of you have ever played the game Red Light, Green Light? If not, here’s how to play.

Red Light, Green Light: You will have **red and green stop sign cards**. Have all the kids stand on one side of the room while you stand on the other side. When they see green they can go, but when they see red, they must stop immediately. If they fail to do so, they must start back at the beginning. Have the leaders stand throughout the room and have them call out kids that move. The kids win by making it over to the wall that you are standing by. If time allows, play another round.

“If you haven’t been with us for the last few weeks, we have been going through a series called Fix It Up. It’s all about how we can fix our friendships with other people. We do that with this thing called Forgiveness. Here is the definition of forgiveness we have been using over the last few weeks.

CG: Forgiveness Slide

“Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn’t have to pay.’ Can you say that with me? (*Repeat Slide*).”

“You see forgiveness is when you decide to forget about being angry when someone hurts you. Instead of being angry, you just forgive them. We all have times when we get angry with friends or accident happens. When we forgive, we make our friendship more important than things being even or fair. When we either give or ask for forgiveness, we are able to repair our friendships”

“Now if you are anything like me, It’s probably really easy to forgive our friends right? We could do it over and over because they are our friends and we like them. What about a bully? Could you forgive them over and over for calling you a name? How about someone who is super rude in class or someone we don’t get along with in our neighborhood? Do we have to forgive them? Well, Jesus says we do have to forgive them no matter how many times. Maybe today’s bible story can help us understand more.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

"Today we are looking at a Parable of Jesus. A parable was a story that Jesus told to his followers to better understand what God wanted them to do. This parable is a good one and really has a very unexpected ending. So face towards the screen and check out today's video."

CG: 252 Basic Story Week 4

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

"Wow, can you believe that first servant? He couldn't forgive the second servant just a little bit, even though he had to pay so much back to the King. How on earth could someone be so selfish? Well, it might be easier than you think. It's in our human nature not to want to forgive other people. We all have a sense of what is fair in us, and when things aren't fair, we get upset. We sometimes forget that God, OUR King, has forgiven us so many times. God has paid all of our debts and has forgiven us and we don't have to worry about paying for our sins."

"Since God forgave us, we are to forgive other people as many times as he forgave us. (*Count of fingers*) So that's 1,2,3,4,5,etc. So, that makes an infinite amount of times! That seems hard. Jesus wants us to forgive everyone and for anything they do to hurt us. That is also today's bottom line."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Since God forgave you, you should forgive others. Let's say that together. (*repeat slide*)."

"Now, some of you might be thinking 'well I don't want to forgive that bully or my classmate.' I can understand that. That person isn't trustworthy, so why forgive them? They might not be trustworthy, but God still wants us to forgive, just like he forgave us. God wants us to give to others some of the forgiveness we get from Him. God's forgiveness gives us the ability to be super forgivers. Which means we can forgive anyone for anything."

(pull out inflatable hammer)

"Can I get a volunteer? (*pick a child, preferable 2nd or 3rd grade*). Every time I say the word "sorry", you can hit me with this hammer, ok? (*pause*) Sorry I couldn't hear you. (*pause*) You were suppose to hit me." (*say I forgive you every time they hit you with the hammer. You can also choose another child to be the one hit with the hammer instead of yourself.*)

"What if they don't seem sorry and ask for forgiveness, do I still have to forgive?' Yes, if they don't seem sorry, you can still forgive them. You do this by just letting it go. You can say, "I know you're not sorry, but I forgive you anyway.' Then you've done the right thing even if the person isn't sorry."

"Just because they are sorry, doesn't mean we have to be friends right? No, we don't have to friends with someone to forgive. If someone is hurting us, like with a hammer...(*turn towards kid*). Well, who is really hurting us. We should find a trusted adult to help. Maybe this months Memory Verse can help. (*take the hammer from the kid and thank them for helping out today*) Let's check it out."

CG: 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* Could you repeat that with me?" (*repeat slide*).

"We are to forgive everyone as many times as God has forgiven us. I promise you, if you forgive others like God forgave us, you will start to see a ton of change happen in your life. You will be less of an angry person, things won't bother you anymore and bullies will start to leave you alone. You might even gain some new friends. Most of all, you will start looking more like Jesus. Let's pray.

Pray

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for forgiving us not just once, not just twice, but however many times we

ask for Your forgiveness. Please help us to follow Your example by forgiving others. When it's hard to forgive, remind us to ask for Your help. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen!"

Dismiss children to their small groups.