

ALLEY SG- March 25/26

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

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

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.

What's the Story?

What You Need: "Story Cards" Activity Page (2 sets per group + extra)

What You Do:

- Shuffle two sets of "Story Cards" and place them on the floor, face down. (If you have more than six kids, divide the group into two smaller groups, and give each group two sets of cards.)
- Kids will take turns turning over two cards. When a kid turns over two matching cards, he must say what the picture has to do with the story in order to keep the match.
- The kid with the most matches wins.

What You Say:

- What would you have done if you owed the king all that money?
- Do you think it was fair for the King to throw the first servant into jail? Why or why not? (*Yes, he owed so much and chose to not listen*).
- Did Jesus mean that we are only able to forgive someone 77 times? (*No we can forgive someone as many times as possible*).
- Have you had to forgive someone multiple times? What was hard about it? **[Make it Personal]** Share a time you had to forgive someone multiple times. Remember to keep it appropriate.
- **[Bottom Line]** since God forgave you, you should forgive others."

Fly Swatter Badminton

What You Need: Fly Swatters (12 per bin), Balloons (6 per bin, per service +extras)

What You Do:

- Divide the group into groups of 2. All the children get flyswatters and each group gets a balloon.
- Have them stand in a line facing their teammate. Have the kids stand 5 feet apart from each other. If space will allow, have them stand even further apart to make the game even more challenging.
- The goal is to swat the balloon back and forth as many times as they can without it falling to the ground.
- However, the kid's feet have to stand firmly on the ground, they are only allowed to pivot to prevent falling. If they move, they will have to start over.
- The team with the best rally, or times the balloon is hit back and forth without it falling to the ground, wins the game.

What You Say:

- How many of you have ever swatted a fly before?

- How would you describe forgiveness to a friend?
- Do you think our forgiveness from God is related to us forgiving others? Why or why not?
- What makes forgiveness of a bully hard to do?
- **[Bottom Line] since God forgave you, you should forgive others.**

Pray

What You Need: No Supplies

What You Do:

- Ask the kids to think of someone they need to forgive. If they feel comfortable, ask them to share who they need to forgive.
- Pray that God would encourage them this week to forgive other people when they have wronged you. Remember always to ask for forgiveness.

Repeat

What You Need: Timer or mobile device (*optional*)

What You Do:

- Tell kids to sit in a circle.
- Tell one kid to say the first word of the memory verse. The next kid repeats the first word and adds the next one. The next kids repeats the first two words and adds the next one, and so on.
- Continue around the circle with each kid adding one word until the entire verse is said.
- You can time it to see how fast the kids can accomplish the task.

What You Say:

- What words in this verse pop out?
- How did God forgive us? (*He sent Jesus on our behalf to die for our sins*).
- How can we forgive others? (*God gives us the strength we need to forgive others*).
- What do you think grievances means? (*Things that annoy us or makes us angry*).
- What's a way we can remember to forgive others like God forgave us?
- **[Bottom Line] since God forgave you, you should forgive others."**