

Alley SG- 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.

Play-Doh Pictionary

What You Need: “Play-doh Pictionary” cards, Play-Doh, stopwatch

What You Do:

- Have the kids divide into two teams and give them a slab of Play-Doh. Have one kid from each team (to be the molders) come and sit next to you. One on each side.
- Show the “molders” the card of the thing they are supposed to create.
- The other kids will try and guess what they are making and which team guesses it first or within the given time, wins the round.
- The team with the most points wins the game.

What You Say:

- What would you build if you had 100 pounds of Play-Doh?
- What is your favorite toy? What would you do if your best friend broke this item or toy? Why would you act that way?
- Is God’s forgiveness conditional (it depends on something else) or unconditional (doesn’t matter what we have done)?
- Is there anything we can do that God says is unforgivable? (*No*) Is this reassuring? Why or why not?
- Does this mean we continue doing things wrong because there are no consequences? (*No*). What do we do instead? (*follow God rather than ourselves*).
- **[Bottom Line] God forgives you.**

Lost sheep hunt

What You Need: Blindfolds, Cotton balls

What You Do:

- Pick one kid to hunt down the cotton ball(sheep) in the room.
- They will have to try and find the lost sheep while being blindfolded.
 - Here’s the catch, the other kids will try to distract them from finding the sheep.
 - They can do whatever they want as long as they don’t make contact with the person or yell in their ears.
- Once they have the sheep, allow them to pick the next child to go.

What You Say:

- Does anyone have a story about getting lost? What happened?
- Why did the shepherd go looking for his sheep? (*He cares about it*).
- What does this story tell us about God? (*He will always want a relationship with us; even when we mess up, He is always willing to forgive us*).

- What do we have to do to gain God's forgiveness? (*ask*) How do we ask for forgiveness? (*Pray; ABC's of faith*).
- **[Bottom Line] God forgives you.**

Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Sit in a circle with your small group and pray.

What You Say:

"Dear God, I pray that each one of us has a heart like Yours to forgive. It can get tough sometimes, like when a friend doesn't invite us over, or our sister takes our brand new toy out of our room, or when our mom says she will take us out for ice cream, but then gets home from work late. I want us to love people so much that our hearts would want to forgive them anyway. I know You will help because You love to forgive and we learned today that **[Bottom Line] God forgives you.**"

Emoticon Verse

What You Need: "Emoji " verse cards, Bible

What You Do:

- Give kids a Bible and look up the memory verse. Read the verse together a couple of times. (see top of the page of one for verse).
- Repeat until you think they have a grasp on the verse.
- Have them then race to place the verse in order using Emoticon cards.
- (You will have the guide to see the correct order).
- The first team that can get the verse in order and say it aloud wins the race.

What You Say:

- What words in this verse pop out at you?
- What do you think it means to bear with someone? (*To put up with or to be patient*). What are some ways that we might be patient with other people?
- What reason does this verse give for us to forgive others? (*The Lord forgave us*).
- What is a way this week we can remember to ask for God's forgiveness when we mess up?
- **[Bottom Line] God forgives you!"**