

LESSON 13
"FORGIVENESS"
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Matthew 18:21-35 (page 1051)

CHARACTER WORD

Forgiveness – Treating someone as though he or she never hurt me

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

Because God has forgiven me, I can forgive others.

MEMORY LINK

1 John 1:9a

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1355)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards, pens
Option 2: Memory Link cards, balloon

BIBLE CONNECTION

Copies of script

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Sports cone, small balls
Option 2: None

Jesus Teaches When to Forgive

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Do you find it difficult to forgive someone when they hurt you? What if they hurt you over and over again? Does it get easier to forgive after each hurt? No, it's hard to forgive! Did you know that forgiveness is treating someone as if they never hurt you?

In today's story, Peter questioned Jesus about when to call it quits and stop forgiving. Peter expected there to be a limit on how many times we must forgive. However, Jesus' answer was radical. In the Jewish "eye for an eye" culture, Jesus rocks Peter's world by telling him to never stop forgiving. Matthew 6:14 says, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." God's forgiveness is generous. He forgives us over and over again. Aren't you glad that God's forgiveness never runs out? Psalm 86:5 says, "For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You."

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Pass out Memory Link cards, index cards and pens.

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- *Tell about a time when someone hurt your feelings. How hard was it to forgive that person?*
- *Tell about a time when you had to ask for forgiveness.*
- *The Memory Link today tells us that God is faithful. He always forgives us when we tell Him we are sorry. How does that make you feel?*



Guide clubbers to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

Consider using the song "In Your Power" from Lifeway VBS (Amazing Wonders Aviation). Explain that the best way to live like God wants us to live is through His power. We can forgive others with His help and through His power. Another great song to use for this lesson is "Like Jesus" by Jeff Slaughter. This song says that no one else has been like Jesus. It is a slow worshipful and reflective song.



SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with kids in small groups;
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible Connection leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *What questions do you have about today's story?*

Use the Bible

Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Let's look at Day 4 of the Hang 10. Who would like to read the verse and the Digging In? What stands out to you about Jesus in this section? Let's underline one or two of those in our KBC Bible.

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your surf team this week.

Thank You, Jesus, for coming to show us what God is like. Thank You for showing us how to love others and to forgive. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Connection Tip

Assign each KBC child to a church member. Ask those members, Lifeguards, to pray for that child and write a note to each child at least once during that school year. Host a KBC party or reception at church and invite all the KBC kids and their families. Invite all the church members who have been praying for those kids. Connect the kids to the members who prayed for them. Allow a time of prayer in person.

Teaching Tip

Some kids may be struggling with a specific situation where it is hard to forgive someone. Maybe they are being bullied. Maybe they have a rough situation at home. Be sensitive to them and encourage them to talk with their school counselor.

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