MARCH 2020

PRESCHOOL



WEEK THREE

MATTHEW 9:9-12

Jesus tells Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, and he does.



REMEMBER THIS:

"'Come and follow me,' Jesus said."

MATTHEW 4:19, NIrV



SAY THIS:

Who can you follow?

I CAN FOLLOW JESUS.



DO THIS:



Cuddle with your child this month and pray, "Dear God, Jesus is SO good at loving people. He says kind words, helps people, forgives people, prays for people, and is just the best friend ever. Help us to love people the way Jesus loves us. We want the world to know we follow Jesus. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

BASIC TRUTH:

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.

STORIES THAT TEACH FORGIVENESS

By Dan Scott

Forgiveness can be hard.

We all have this tendency to hold our hurt and carry it around like a weight in a backpack. We just keep piling in those hurts, until we bend and break beneath the weight of our bitterness. Even as adults, this is something we're prone to do. No matter how we try, forgiveness doesn't seem to be our natural instinct.

Imagine how difficult it must be for our kids. They're just learning to grapple with the emotions associated with hurt. Friends can be fickle. Hurt people hurt people. And our kids are left aching from the hurt yet unable to process what they're feeling and find the path towards forgiveness.

As parents, we try and help them see how forgiveness will free them from the additional hurt that comes. But kids are often too close to the situation to see any other option than letting the bitterness sink in making way for revenge to take over. And so, our words fail us and we need some help.

Thankfully, we have stories. Stories over time give us a perspective on life we can't see on our own. Forgiveness

is one of those areas where stories can offer a perspective for you and your kids to discover a pathway out of the pain to find a place where you can let go of that bitterness backpack you've been carrying around.

Here are several ideas for where to start with stories that teach the idea of forgiveness for preschool and lower elementary kids, check these books out:

I Love My New Toy! - Mo Willems No, David! - David Shannon We All Need Forgiveness - Mercer Mayer Will You Forgive Me? - Sally Grindley and Penn Dan

The Berenstain Bears and the
Forgiving Tree - Jan and Mike Berenstain
The Forgiveness Garden - Lauren
Thompson and Christy Hale
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse - Kevin Henkes
I Am Extremely Absolutely Boiling Luren Child (Charlie and Lola Book)
Enemy Pie - Derek Munson

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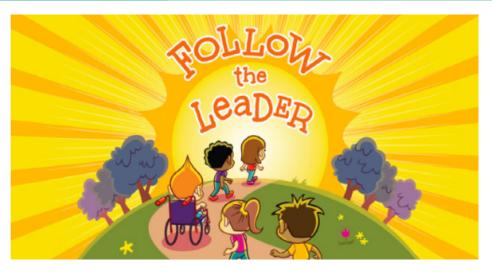
THREE

SMALL GROUP

3-5

YEAR-OLDS

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MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

1. DOLLAR HOP

WHAT YOU NEED: "Dollar" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, and floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Dollar" on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. You will need 10 Ollie dollars. Tape the Ollie Dollars in a pathway to the floor about a foot apart.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Invite the children to hop from dollar to dollar as they say the memory verse. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's get hopping!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to say our memory verse while we hop from Ollie Dollar to Ollie Dollar! Let's get started!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Our memory verse tells us that Jesus wants us to follow Him. Matthew made bad choices by taking money that was not his, but Jesus wanted Matthew to follow Him anyway! EVERYONE can follow Jesus! Who can you follow? I can follow Jesus!"

BIBLE STORY

Everyone can follow Jesus.

MATTHEW (TAX COLLECTOR)
MATTHEW 9:9-12

MEMORY VERSE

"'Come and follow me,'
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MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can you follow?

BOTTOM LINE

I can follow Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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