

“The Game Of Life” - LESSON 2

“Sorry!”

Main Focus:

We must choose to forgive!



Power Verse:

“Do your part to live at peace with everyone, as much as possible.”

- Romans 12:18



Watt's Up:

“As Long As I Live - I Will Forgive!”

LEADER'S INFO

“I’m sorry” are two of the hardest words for someone to say. Even when the person who hurt us finally says those two words, it can be even harder for us to say, “I forgive you.”

Forgiving those who have hurt us is not an easy thing to do, but not doing it is even worse. For a Christian, that’s not an option. We must not live our lives holding unforgiveness towards someone, no matter what they have done to hurt us. If we do, it hurts us much more than it ever hurts them.

In this lesson, the children will learn from the story of Jacob and Esau. They will learn a healthy way to handle conflict - how to say “Sorry!” and how to forgive others.



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The “Game Boy”



“Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video

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Character Skit

“Regina Rulebook”



Offering Time



Game On!

“Mummy Dearest”



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Brain Drain

PowerPoint Review Game



Small Group Experience

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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: Regina Rulebook (a quirky girl who is obsessed with rules)

(Play “Regina Rulebook’s Video Intro” off the DVD—Regina enters with a large clipboard in hand and her nose up in the air)

REGINA: *(sneaks up behind the leader and slaps her clipboard HARD)* Now WHAT do we have here?

Leader: AGH!! *(jumps, startled)* Oh, Regina...it’s just you. It’s Regina Rulebook, everybody!

REGINA: Don’t you “it’s Regina Rulebook, everybody” to me....RULEBREAKER!!

Leader: Oh no...what rule did I break this time?

REGINA: *(starts flipping through the papers on her clipboard)* I’ll tell you what rule. HERE! RULE #271 – “No person shall wear shoes that Regina doesn’t like !” THAT’S THE RULE!

Leader: Hold up. What’s wrong with the shoes I’m wearing??

REGINA: I just don’t like them. Get them out of my sight this INSTANT!

Leader: *(sighs)* Okay, okay. Give me a second. *(takes off their shoes)*

REGINA: AGH!!! RULEBREAKER!

Leader: Now what??

REGINA: *(flips through her papers)* Rule #4,679! “Not one person shall EVER be barefoot in church!” You...you....Ruley McBreakerton!

Leader: But you said a second ago -

REGINA: *(interrupts)* I know what I said! These are Regina’s Rules, and rules are meant to be FOLLOWED!

Leader: Regina...you are REALLY getting on my nerves...but *(takes a deep breath, relaxes)* today we are talking about forgiveness, so I forgive you.

REGINA: Ohhhhhh, NO YOU DON’T, RULEBREAKER!!

Leader: Don’t tell me it’s against the rules to FORGIVE someone!

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CHARACTER SKIT *(continued)*

REGINA: Of course not! Whoever heard of such a thing? There are just certain rules to follow in order to forgive someone correctly! *(flips through her papers)* Let's see....flamingos...Frankenstein...flapjacks...
HERE WE ARE! Forgiveness! Rule #657 – Sections 1-197

Leader: 197???

REGINA: First, in order to forgive someone you must eat 75 gallons of horseradish ice cream while whistling the French National Anthem. Then, the person you are forgiving must call you a “silly little pickle” and slap you firmly across the forehead. **THEN**, the person who did the slapping must be allowed to go through your house and take whatever they like **EXCEPT** the things that are ugly...

Leader: WHOAH WHOAH WHOAH! Okay, hold on. Regina, that's not how you forgive someone at **ALL**!

REGINA: But there are 194 more steps to go! I haven't even gotten to the part about the penguin shaving!

Leader: We don't have time for all of that. And forgiveness doesn't have to be all complicated like you're making it out to be! You're **DRIVING ME CRAZY!** But, I'm going to focus on what's most important and simply say....I forgive you.

REGINA: Now what do I do? *(starts flipping through her notes frantically)*

Leader: That's not up to me! I'm just going to pray and move on.

REGINA: Can't do that.

Leader: Why not?

REGINA: *(flips through her papers)* Rule # 5.89 – “No one can pray and move on unless they first squat down, flap their arms like a bird, and say, “I'm a pretty chicken.”

Leader: If I do that, does that mean you'll go backstage so we can move on? The kids still have a lot to learn today!

REGINA: Indeed, I will!

Leader: *(sighs, squats down, flaps their arms, and says half-heartedly)* I'm a pretty chicken.

REGINA: Thank you. I'll see you later, everyone. Remember, my name is Regina Rulebook! These are **MY RULES** and **RULES ARE MEANT TO BE FOLLOWED!**



GAME ON!

“Mummy Dearest”

Items Needed For Game:

High energy music; two rolls of toilet paper; two chairs

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Preparation:

Choose three boys and three girls to compete in this game. Choose two leaders from the audience to come sit down in a chair. Give each team one roll of toilet paper.

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How To Play:

When you say, “Go,” each team begins to try to wrap the leader up in toilet paper so that they look like a “mummy.” The team that has the leader covered the most within 90 seconds, wins.

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After the game, say:

“We just saw what it looked like when they used to bury a mummy back in ancient Egypt. It looked pretty funny. But, there are times when someone hurts us and we try to BURY the pain inside and refuse to forgive them. We choose to BURY our hurt and bitterness inside of us. When that happens, it certainly isn’t funny. It hurts us a lot. Today, we are going to learn how to handle it the right way when someone tell us they are “Sorry!”



Bible Story

“Jacob and Esau”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Genesis 32-33; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today, we are going to look at two brothers in the Bible named Jacob and Esau. They were twins. Esau was born first, though, so according to tradition he was supposed to receive his father’s blessing and get all of his father’s possessions when he died. His brother, Jacob, did a very wicked thing to him.

Jacob dressed up like Esau, went before his blind father, and tricked his father into blessing HIM instead of Esau. That meant that Jacob stole Esau’s birthright from him. How many of you would be mad if your brother or sister stole something that belonged to you? (*allow children to respond*) Esau got more than just a little upset. (*show pic*) He threatened to KILL Jacob, so Jacob took all of his things and ran for his life. Years and years went by, and the brothers never talked to each other or saw each other.

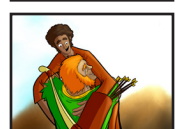
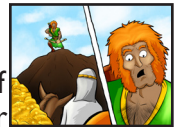
After many years of running from his brother, Jacob really wanted to say, “Sorry!” to his brother. Jacob hears that Esau and his family are close by. (*show pic*) So, Jacob sent messengers to Esau and told him that he wanted to make up for what he did. He offered gifts, animals, and other things in order to make Esau know that he was serious. When Esau saw all of these gifts, he was surprised.

Jacob was excited when his servants arrived back at his camp. But, the servants came with some startling news. (*show pic*) The servants told Jacob, “Esau is on his way here with an army of 400 men!” When Jacob heard this news, he was terrified. Was Esau coming to kill him? Was he coming to make Jacob pay for what he had done many years ago?

There was only one thing Jacob could do—PRAY! That’s what he did. (*show pic*) He got on his knees and prayed to God, “Please rescue me from Esau, for he is surely coming to kill me.” Jacob knew he needed God to help end this family fight.

The next day, Esau arrives at Jacob’s camp. Jacob runs out to meet Esau. Instead of tearing into him and saying, “It’s about time you got here. You’ve been mad at me long enough. Get over it already!” (*show pic*) Jacob kept a humble attitude and went to greet his brother Esau by bowing down before him like a servant. Esau grabs Jacob, (*show pic*) pulls him close, and hugs him. He forgave his brother, Jacob, for all the things he had done.

Today, we are going to learn all about how we can forgive others when they have hurt us.





Call To Action

“Sorry!”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; two actors dressed up like little children (*one boy and one girl*)

Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson Two,” begin with the slide titled “Sorry!”; Have the actors rehearse and be ready to perform

The Message: (*title slide*)



Today, we are learning about how to say, “Sorry!” When we have hurt someone, it is important to apologize. But, it is equally as important for us to be willing to forgive someone if they are the ones who have hurt us. Being hurt is part of life. Things happen - at school, at church, at home. Have you ever seen a scene that looks like this...

(*have the two helpers walk in; one of them has a toy the other one wants*)

BOY: Hey! I had that first!

Girl: No, you didn't! I did!

BOY: Give it!

Girl: No! It's mine! MOM!

BOY: Fine! Keep it! I'm never talking to you again!

Girl: Fine! I don't care!

BOY: I hate you! (*stomps off stage*)

Girl: I hate you MORE! (*stomps off stage in the other direction*)

Look familiar? Fights are almost unavoidable in families or even among friends. Things happen, and we get in fights and arguments. But, what should we do when that happens? Should we let the fight go on? Should we apologize? Well, we are going to look at the two brothers we learned about from the Bible today and learn some important lessons about all of that.

Do you remember what happened when Jacob learned that Esau was close by? He sent some of his servants
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Call To Action (Continued)

to go visit Esau and offer some gifts. He didn't wait on Esau to come to him. He was the one who had done wrong, so he made the first move. The lesson - when we are in a conflict...

Make The First Move (slide)



If you are in a conflict with someone - especially if YOU are the one who has done wrong - it's YOUR responsibility to make the first move. If you wait on the other person to come to you, the conflict may NEVER be over. When your sister makes you mad, YOU go to her and tell her you forgive her. When your friend is upset at you for making fun of him, YOU go to him and tell him you are sorry. Make the first move. That's what Jacob did, and we should too.

Ask God For Help (slide)



It's not always easy to make the first move. Sometimes we need to ask God for help. That's what Jacob did. When he heard that his brother was definitely coming to meet him, he got down on his knees and prayed to God. Remember what he said? "He said, "God, I'm frightened. In fact, I'm scared to death that Esau is going to kill me and my family. God - please help me."

When we have hurt someone, making the first move and talking to the person after a long time is pretty scary. We need to ask God for help. God will always help us have the courage, the strength, and the forgiveness we need to make things right.

Keep A Humble Attitude (slide)



Esau arrived at Jacob's camp. Jacob ran out to meet Esau, kept a humble attitude, and went to greet his brother Esau by bowing down before him like a servant. Jacob didn't start telling Esau off. He didn't start listing all the things Esau had done wrong by not forgiving him. Jacob bowed before Esau in humility. That's what we need to do. Don't go to the person you hurt with a chip on your shoulder. Go to them with a humble attitude and simply say, "I am SORRY."

Esau ran toward Jacob and gave him a huge hug! He forgave his brother and they both celebrated the family being brought back together. When two people who have been apart come back together, we call that "Restoration." So, if you follow steps 1-3, you can move on to step four just like Jacob and Esau:

Celebrate Restoration (slide)



As Christians, we were not meant to be angry at each other. That's why we have to follow the example of Jacob and make the first move, ask God for help, keep a humble attitude, then we can celebrate restoration
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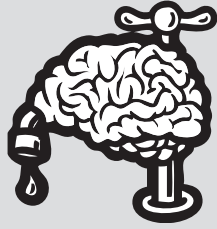


Call To Action (Continued)

when the fight is over and the friendship is together again. Isn't that awesome?

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Some of the kids may be fighting with members of their family or others right now. Or, they may have hurt someone and have never apologized to them. Pray that God will help them make the first move and keep a humble attitude. When it is over, they can celebrate restoration and the fact that the relationship is back where God wants it to be.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; The DVD

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson Two,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “As Long As I Live, I Will Forgive!”

2. What were the names of the brothers in our Bible Story?

Answer: Jacob and Esau

3. Who did Jacob trick in order to get Esau’s birthright?

Answer: their father

4. How did Esau react when he found out Jacob had cheated him?

Answer: He got angry

5. What game did we learn lessons from today?

Answer: Sorry!

6. According to our lesson today, in order to handle a conflict, “Make The _____ Move.”

Answer: First

7. According to our lesson today, in order to handle a conflict, “Ask God For _____.”

Answer: Help

8. According to our lesson today, in order to handle a conflict, “Keep A _____ Attitude.”

Answer: Humble

9. According to our lesson today, at the end of a conflict, “Celebrate _____.”

Answer: Restoration

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Romans 12:18