



October 6

I am Forgiven

Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: The Bronze Snake- Numbers 21:4-9

Bottom Line: I Need to be Forgiven

Leader Context: When God's people sinned, God provided a way for them to be forgiven. He's done the same thing for us through Jesus. We can look to Jesus and believe for our forgiveness.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Balloons (3 per group), Masking or painter's tape (1 per group), Allergy Alert Poster (Latex balloons)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Everyone, say, "Woah!" (*Woah!*) Woah is right! That was an incredible story! When the Israelites left Egypt, they got tired of their situation and began to complain! They didn't want to follow what God planned for them. Because of their disobedience, there was a punishment. They were bitten by snakes! But was that the end of the story? Everyone, say, "No!" (*No!*) They needed to be forgiven for their wrong choices. They needed to be what? (*Forgiven!*) God loved and cared for the people, and He switched it up. The people deserved to be punished, but God made a way for them to be rescued from the punishment they deserved. He gave Moses instructions to save them!

We need to be forgiven. Say, "**I need to be forgiven!**" (*I need to be forgiven!*) We have all sinned. We have all done our own thing and chosen to do what we want instead of what God wants. That disobedience breaks our relationship and deserves God's just punishment for sin. But God switched it up! God forgives us when we ask! We can admit that we need the forgiveness that only He can give! We can celebrate that and follow God's way every day! Everyone, say, "I am forgiven!" (*I am forgiven!*) Let's say it again! "I am forgiven!" (*I am forgiven!*)

Using the 4 Gospel Circles,, show God's plan for redemption from sin for each of us.

Videos

Erased My Place (20 minutes)

Kids will color in and erase parts of a heart.

Big Goal: Celebrate that God forgives us.

Leader Prep: Set out the supplies. Create an example of the craft ahead of time.

1. Draw a large heart in the center of the paper.
2. Color in the heart using the pencil.
3. Erase letters in the colored-in heart using the eraser.
4. Decorate around the heart.

Supplies: Blank paper (1 per child), Pencils (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several)

What To Do: Today we've learned that we need to be forgiven and that God forgives us. We are going to make pictures to help us remember that! First, draw a big heart in the middle of your paper. Next, take your pencil and shade in the heart as much as you can. Don't press your pencil too hard—light coloring is fine. It's helpful if you turn your pencil a little sideways and color with the side rather than the tip of the pencil. (*Allow kids to complete this step.*)

Now, use your eraser to "write" in your heart. You can erase so it shows your initials, or you can write your whole name! After you're done writing with your eraser, decorate around your heart. Include a picture that helps you celebrate the good news that you are forgiven by God!

Keep It Going: Direct kids to write *I need to be forgiven* or *I am forgiven* on their pictures.

Loud And Clear: What does an eraser do? That's right! It erases writing! When we sin, we need to be forgiven! When God forgives us, it's like He erases our sin! When you look at your pictures, remember that God loved us so much, He provided a way to be forgiven! Jesus took the punishment our sin deserved and gave us a relationship with God as if we've never sinned.

Discussion Questions:

What To Do: Let's talk about our Bible story and how God switches it up!

1. If you were wandering around in the desert, what are some things you would miss or want to bring with you? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
2. What are some things in a courtroom? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)* A judge can use a gavel to say someone is guilty of a crime. We are all guilty of sin, but what is the good news that God tells us? *(He loves us, and He forgives us.)*
3. The Bible tells us we need to be forgiven! Let's open our Bibles to Numbers 21:8-9 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What do you think it was like for the Israelites when they realized they made a mistake? What about when Moses made the bronze snake, and they could be healed? *(Allow kids to answer.)* What's it like for us when we realize we've made a wrong choice and sinned? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
4. We need to be forgiven because we are all sinners, and God offers a way for us to be forgiven by trusting and following Jesus. What can we say to God when we remember that we need to be forgiven? *(We can confess our sin and ask for His forgiveness.)*
5. The Bible tells us we need to be forgiven, and God gives forgiveness when we ask. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)* Let's talk to God by praying. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

God, thank You that You love us and even when we sin. Even though we are guilty, You provided a way for us to be forgiven. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us and make a way for us to have a relationship with You. Help us to follow You and tell others about Your love and forgiveness too! Amen.

In today's Bible story, we learned that God told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole. When the disobedient Israelites had been bitten, they could look at the snake and be healed. Our sin also means that we need help. We have disobeyed God and need forgiveness, but God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our disobedience. When we ask God for forgiveness, we can be saved too!

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.