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God is Ready to Forgive Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: God is Ready to Forgive- Luke 7

Bottom Line: God is always ready to forgive.

Leader Context: When the woman came to Jesus and washed His feet, He showed everyone around Him that He's always ready to forgive. This week, we'll see and know that God is the same with us. We never have to feel embarrassed or ashamed because, even in our sinfulness, Jesus is ready to forgive.

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

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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Say This! What an amazing story! Jesus was ready to forgive this woman. Because of the love and forgiveness Jesus showed her, she wanted to respond by worshiping Jesus and serving Him. In the story, the people around the woman only saw her sinfulness- the wrong choices she'd made throughout her life. They didn't think she deserved to even be around Jesus, yet alone wash his feet. And yet, Jesus was ready. He was ready to forgive her. Jesus' love is so great, He doesn't simply see people's sin- He sees people He's ready to forgive.

The Bible tells us that everyone needs to be forgiven. We all decide to do what we think is best instead of what God knows is best. That is "sin". God sent Jesus to earth so that we could be forgiven. Jesus took the punishment that we deserve for our sin- He died on a cross and rose again. Jesus did this so that we can be forgiven and know God. God is ready to forgive all of us because of Jesus. Even though we don't deserve forgiveness. He made a way for us to be forgiven.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, thank You that You are ready to forgive us. Thank You that even when we don't feel like we deserve Your forgiveness, You are still ready to give it. All we have to do is ask. Please help us to always ask for Your forgiveness and know that You are ready to forgive. Help us to share this good news with others and be ready to forgive them too. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ready Set Dough(20 minutes)

What You Need: playdough or air dry clay, playdough tools

What You Do:

Our game today is called, "Ready, Set, Dough!" Let's form two teams. (no more than 7 per team, make more teams is larger than 14) The first person on the team will take some of the play dough, roll it out like a snake, and then shape it into a letter of the word. The next teammate must wait until the previous teammate has finished making the letter to begin shaping the next letter. The first team to finish spelling "F-O-R-G-I-V-E" wins.

Say: Great teamwork, everyone! Creating some of those letter could be tricky. What was the word that we were spelling? (*Forgive*) Can anyone tell us what the word forgive means? (*Allow time for answers.*) Well done. When we forgive someone, or someone forgives us, we are showing the love of God. Instead of holding on to hurt feelings- we flip. We know from the Bible that Jesus is always ready to forgive us when we mess up. We don't have to beg or yell at the top of our lungs to make Him hear us. We all need forgiveness, but Jesus is ready to forgive us when we ask Him."

Discussion Questions:

- What is something that you get really excited about? (*Christmas, vacation, a weekend sports match*) How do you get ready for those things? (*Invite kids to share stories and share your own.*)
- We all know what it's like to be ready for something. Even getting ready for school, we plan, prepare and then GO. Sometimes people don't even know that we're ready for something. When is a time that you or someone else planned something that was a big surprise for others? What were everyone's feelings and reactions? (*Invite kids to share stories and share your own.*)
- The Bible tells us that we are forgiven by God, and He is ready to forgive. He's been planning on it. Let's open our Bibles to Like 7:47-48 and read about it together. (*Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.*) Does anyone want to share what they think that passage is talking about?
- Jesus was ready to forgive the woman who washed His feet. She didn't have to do a bunch of good deeds or live perfectly. Even though other people made her feel like she didn't deserve it, Jesus was ready to forgive. Do you know people who may feel like God wouldn't want to forgive them? What do you think Jesus would want us to say to them? (*Invite kids to share stories and share your own story.*)
- Even when we sin, we can know that God is ready to forgive us. All we have to do is ask. Do you have any questions or anything you want to share? (*Allow kids time to answer and share your own thoughts.*)
- Our sin can make us feel embarrassed or ashamed. How does knowing that God is ready to forgive help us when we feel that way? (*Allow kids time to respond and share your own response..*)
- The Bible tells us that we can be forgiven because God is ready to forgive us. Before God made the world He had a plan to send His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. God has always been ready to forgive. God flips things around by forgiving us, even when we don't deserve it.

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.