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Series: God Forgives Me
Fall Year 2, Lesson 15

Forgive Us Our Debts

Take Home Point: *GOD FORGIVES ME
...I forgive others.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Matthew 18: 21-35

We will help children know:

- The parable of the unmerciful servant.
- God forgives them even their biggest sins.
- God wants them to forgive others.

We will help the children feel:




- Repentant of their sins.
- Confident of God's forgiveness.
- Forgiving of others.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event or watch a video.
- Craft: Cross Magnet.
- Snack: Count the Sins.
- Game: Sins are Forgiven.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: GOD FORGIVES ME...I forgive others.
- Sing and Pray.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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Large Group Opening 	3 6	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bubba puppet holding a small sack of candy Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option 1: Bible Option 2: Video, Stories of the New Testament: Forgive Us Our Debts from Nest Family Entertainment TV VCR
Small Group Application 	8 9 10 11	Activity 1: Craft-Cross Magnet Activity 2: Snack-Count the Sins Activity 3: Game-Sins are Forgiven Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of Appendix A on cardstock, one per four children sticky-backed magnetic tape glue green crayons small paper cup, one per child sequins or round cereal to glue on craft scissors for shepherd <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups, water or juice crackers or raisins <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 sheets of construction paper with a simple smiley face drawn on both dot stickers or bingo daubers masking tape
Large Group Wrap-up 	13 13	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Bubba puppet holding a bag of candy; Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Bubba. (Children call "Bubba".)

Bubba: Hi everyone.

Presenter: Bubba, what is in the sack?

Bubba: Candy for Billy.

Presenter: Why do you have it here at Kingdom Quest?

Bubba: I don't really want to talk about it. It makes me feel bad.

Presenter: Bubba, sometimes talking about things makes it better.

Bubba: I don't know...

Presenter: Come on Bubba, it can't be that bad.

Bubba: OK. It started last week. My neighbor Billy and I walked to the grocery store.

Presenter: That doesn't sound bad.

Bubba: Just wait. Billy didn't have any money. I had \$10 from my birthday. I was going to buy a big bag of candy.

Presenter: Then what happened?

Bubba: Billy wanted to borrow some money so he could buy some candy too.

Presenter: Did you give it to him?

Bubba: Yes. But I told him he had to pay me back in four days.

Presenter: Did he pay you back?

Bubba: No. He said he didn't have any money. It made me mad. I called him some bad names and I hit him. Then I ran home. Now I feel bad.

Presenter: Bubba, that was not a good way to be a friend.

Bubba: Billy has been my friend for a long time. Now he won't play with me or talk to me.

Presenter: Bubba, you know what you need to do, don't you?

Bubba: Yes, I have to ask him to forgive me. That's why I have this candy.

Presenter: There is one more thing you need to do.

Bubba: What?

Presenter: You need to forgive his debt to you.

Bubba: What is a 'debt'?

Presenter: A debt is something that someone owes you, like money.

Bubba: You mean I should tell him he does not have to pay me back?

Presenter: Yes. Then you can be friends again.

Bubba: That sounds like a good idea. I think it would make Billy happy.

Presenter: Bubba, this reminds me of our Bible event today.

Bubba: Did someone borrow money?

Presenter: Yes. Jesus told a story about a man who borrowed a lot of money from the king. Then the man could not pay it back. The king was going to put the man and his family in prison.

Bubba: Wow, that is harsh!

Presenter: The man begged the king not to put him in prison. The king felt sorry for the man and said he did not have to pay back the money.

Bubba: I'm sure he was happy.

Presenter: He was, but not for long. After he left the king, he saw a man who owed him a small amount of money.

Bubba: Did he tell him he did not have to pay him back?

Presenter: No. He did not forgive him the small debt. He had the man thrown in prison because he didn't have the money.

Bubba: That is not right!

Presenter: The king heard about it and was angry. He put the man in prison and let the other man out.

Bubba: This story is in the Bible?

Presenter: Yes it is. Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Bubba: Yes I would.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Bubba: OK

Presenter: *GOD FORGIVES ME...now you say, "I forgive others."

Bubba: I forgive others.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Bubba: Sure.

Presenter: OK everybody, *GOD FORGIVES ME...

Bubba: (and everyone): I forgive others.

Presenter: One more time. *GOD FORGIVES ME...

Bubba: (and everyone): I forgive others.

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Bubba.

Bubba: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Option 1: Imagination Presentation. **Option 2:** Video

Supplies: Option 1, Bible.

Option 2, Video, Animated Stories of the New Testament: Forgive Us Our Debts from Nest Family Entertainment, 1991; TV; VCR

Option 1:

Presenter holds the Bible

Today, we are going to imagine that we are back in the times of Jesus. His disciple Peter had a question for Jesus. Peter said, “How many times should I forgive someone when he sins against me? Up to seven times?” What do you think Jesus told Peter? Should he forgive a person one time, three times, seven times?

Jesus told Peter he should forgive not seven times, but seventy seven times! That is a lot of times to forgive someone isn't it? To help Peter understand this better, Jesus told a story.

There was a king who loaned thousands of dollars to one of his servants. It was time for the servant to pay the money back to the king. When the king sent for the servant, he did not have the money. This made the king angry. He said, “I loaned you the money when you needed it. Now it is time to pay me back.” The servant said he did not have the money. The king was very angry. He ordered the servant and his family be thrown in prison and all of his things sold so the king could get his money back. The servant fell to his knees and begged, “Be patient with me. I will pay you back. Please don't hurt my family.”

The king felt sorry for the servant. He told the servant that he did not have to pay the money back. He was free to go. The servant left for home. On the way, he saw a friend who owed him a few dollars. The servant grabbed his friend and began choking him! “Pay back what you owe me!” he demanded.

His friend fell to his knees and begged him saying, “Be patient with me. I will pay you back.” The servant refused to listen to his friend. He had him thrown into prison until he could pay him back the few dollars. When the king heard this he was furious. He sent for the servant. “You wicked servant. I canceled your large debt because you begged me. Shouldn't you do the same for the person who owed you a small debt?” The angry king threw the servant in prison until he could pay back all the money.

Then Jesus told Peter, “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive everyone and truly mean it.”

Option 2: Show Video

Continue here for both Option 1 and Option 2:

Jesus wants us to forgive others who do things that hurt us. He knows it will not always be easy. We can go to him in prayer and ask for his help. Remember that God forgives every bad thing we do if we are sorry. That helps us to forgive others who hurt us.

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *GOD FORGIVES ME.../ *forgive others.*

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

**Dear God,
We love you.
Thank you for forgiving me.
Help me to forgive others.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Frere Jaques*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft “Cross Magnet”

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A on cardstock, one per four children; sticky-backed magnetic tape; green crayons; small paper cups, one per child; glue; sequins or round cereal to glue on craft; scissors for shepherd

Before class, cut craft on lines. Cut magnetic tape into 2” pieces.

Today we are going to make a cross magnet. This will remind us that Jesus died on the cross to forgive us our sins. This helps us to forgive others who hurt us.

First, color the hill. When done, stick magnetic tape piece on back of craft.

Now I will give each of you a paper cup. We will take turns naming sins kids sometimes do. Every time someone names a sin, put a sequin (or cereal) in your cup. Shepherd may have to give children ideas and contribute a few. You can stop when there are enough sequins to fill their crosses.

Now you can cover your cross with glue. Take out one sin (sequin) from the cup and stick it in the glue. Say, “I forgive others” every time you put a sequin on the cross. Keep going until you use all the sequins.

When Jesus died on the cross, our sins and the sins of all who believe were nailed on the cross with him.

Review the Bible Event.

What did the king do to the servant who owed him money? (He felt sorry for him and forgave him the debt.)

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Activity 2: Snack “Count the Sins”

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; crackers or raisins

***CAUTION: Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.
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Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Boys and girls, today we are going to pretend this pile of crackers (or raisins) is the money the servant owed to the king. It is a lot isn't it? The king forgave the debt the servant owed him. The servant no longer owed the king any money. I am going to give you the money back. (Pass out snack from the pile.)

Now I have one more cracker (or raisin). This shows how much money the friend owed the servant. Did the servant forgive him that little debt? No he did not. When the king found out that the servant did not forgive his friend, what did he do? (Threw the servant in prison.) Because Jesus forgives us our many sins, we want to forgive others when they sin against us.

Review the Bible event.

What did the servant do to his friend who owed him money? (*Choked him and had him thrown in prison.*)

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Activity 3: Game “Sins are Forgiven”

Supplies: two sheets of construction paper with a simple smiley face drawn on both; dot stickers or bingo daubers; masking tape

Before class, tape smiley face pictures on wall, one on top of the other. Tape a line of masking tape on floor about 5 feet away from pictures.

Boys and girls, today we are going to play a game called, Sins are Forgiven. I want everyone to sit on the floor behind the tape line.

The smiley face person on the wall is a person who has had a really bad day. He or she has done many sins today.

Each one of you will get a turn to name a sin you think the person did today. Then take a sticker (or bingo dauber) and run up to the face and put your dot on the person's smile. Play until all children have had a turn.

Look at the person. They are no longer smiling. Sin makes us feel bad. God can take our sins away. He forgives us (remove the picture with dots and crumple it up) and makes us happy again. Look at our person after God forgave their sins. Is the person happy or sad? (happy) Right! The person is happy because God has forgiven their sins.

Just like God forgives our sins, we need to forgive others.

Review the Bible event.

For what does God forgive us? Why? (*Our sins, because Jesus died for them.*)

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Prayer Time:

What are some sins others have done to you? What should you do back to them? (Answers will vary but may include hitting, breaking a toy, calling names, etc. We should forgive them.)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: **We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming.**

(If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: **Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is a cross magnet. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.**



Presenter: (says to kids): ***GOD FORGIVES ME...**

Kids say: ...I forgive others.

Presenter: (says to Albie): ***GOD FORGIVES ME...**

Albie says: I forgive my baby sister when she slobbers all over me!

Presenter: **Albie, look at the snack we ate. We called it Count the Sins. Now listen carefully to the take home point.**

Presenter: (says to kids): ***GOD FORGIVES ME...**

Kids say: ...I forgive others.

Presenter: (says to Albie): ***GOD FORGIVES ME...**

Albie says: I like peanut butter and lady bugs on my crackers!

Presenter: **Albie, today we played a game called Sins are Forgiven. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.**

Presenter: (says to kids): ***GOD FORGIVES ME...**

Kids say: ...I forgive others.

Presenter: (says to Albie): ***GOD FORGIVES ME...**

Albie says: I forgive you for laughing at me!

Presenter says: **Albie, listen one last time.**

***GOD FORGIVES ME...**

Kids response: ...I forgive others.

Presenter: (says to Albie): ***GOD FORGIVES ME...**

Albie's response: (Warms up his singing voice with "Mee, mee, mee, mee..." and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)
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Presenter says to Albie: **Good job, Albie!**

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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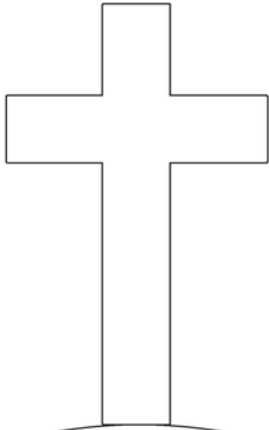
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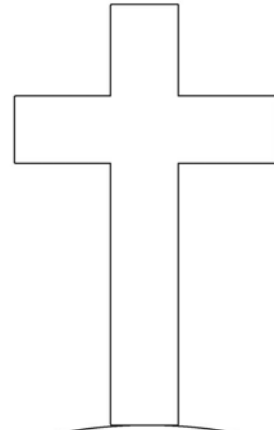
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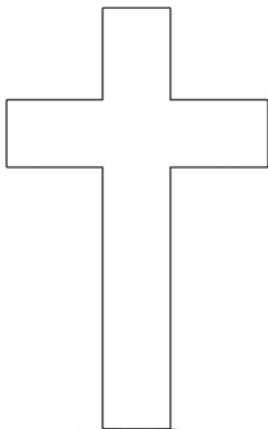
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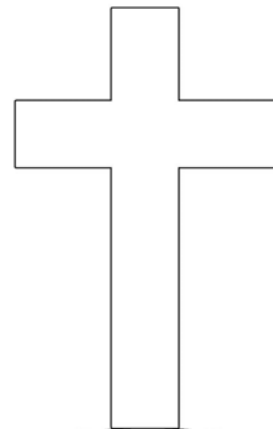
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