

Lesson Plan 12

I Will Forgive

Objective

Students will learn that we need to forgive others if we are to obey God.

Supplies

Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print From the Site:

- I Will Forgive Activity Sheet (one per student)
- A Father Forgives Story (one set for the teacher)
- Live And Learn Story (one set for the teacher)
- Bible
- Pens/Pencils/Pencil Crayons
- Erasers
- Attendance Chart
- Stickers (for attendance)
- Lesson Review Visual Aids (one for teacher to show each class)

Optional Supplies

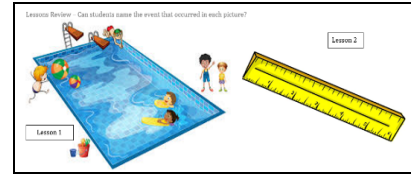
- Tape or Sidewalk Chalk (hopscotch game)
- PosterBoard
- Snack: Fruit Pieces (4 pieces per student)

Teacher Tips

- ★ See Lesson 1

1) Introduction to Lesson

As students enter, welcome them and help them find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance. Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week.



Pass out bibles to those students that need one and have the “Lesson Review Visual Aid Sheet” ready to show.

Can anyone remember what we have studied so far? Look at the picture. Then, name what happened for the lesson we have already studied, and what we learned.

Lesson 1: We need to obey. Jesus tells us we need to obey His commandments.

Lesson 2: We need to follow the Golden Rule – “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Lesson 3: We need to obey Jesus by loving others.

Lesson 4: We need to be a worker for the Lord like Nehemiah

Lesson 5: We will obey like Jesus

Lesson 6: We need to do what is right and love others

Lesson 7: We need to show love to others

Lesson 8: We need to share

Lesson 9: We need to be patient

Lesson 10: We can be joyful and happy when we obey

Lesson 11: We need to be kind

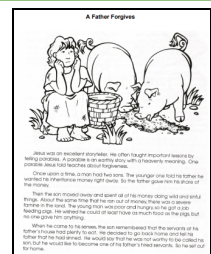
2) Class Time - Story Of A Father’s Forgiveness

15-20 minutes

Today we are going to study that to obey means we need to forgive.

What does it mean to forgive someone? Let students answer. **To forgive means we let go of a wrong done to us.**

Let’s all sit quietly while I read a story from the Bible that helps us understand what forgiveness is.



Read the story to the students. Have them look at the pictures while you read. Then as a class discuss the following questions.

- **Do you think the father should have forgiven his youngest son?**
- **Do you think the older son should have forgiven his younger brother?**
- **When you have forgiven someone, when was it really hard to do?**
- **How did you feel when someone forgave you for something?**
- **What does this story tell us about God’s love for us?**

3) Activity Time - Live And Learn Story & Activity Sheet

15-20 minutes

Prep

Have the “Live And Learn” story ready to read and hand each student the “I Will Forgive” activity sheets, pencils, erasers and pencil crayons.

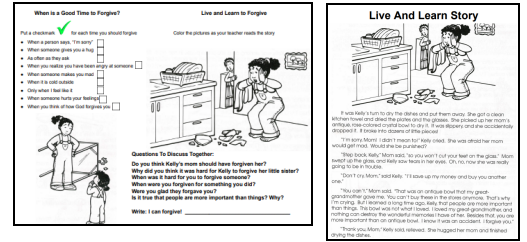
Activity

Read the following “Live and Learn” story to the class.

Have students color the pictures on the back page from their activity sheet that is titled “Live and Learn To Forgive” while you read the story.

Remind them to only color the pictures on the last page.

Read and discuss questions that are on the “I Will Forgive” activity sheet about Kelly as a class. At the end, have the students write: “I will forgive” on the page where marked. Then move onto the rest of the activities on the sheet.



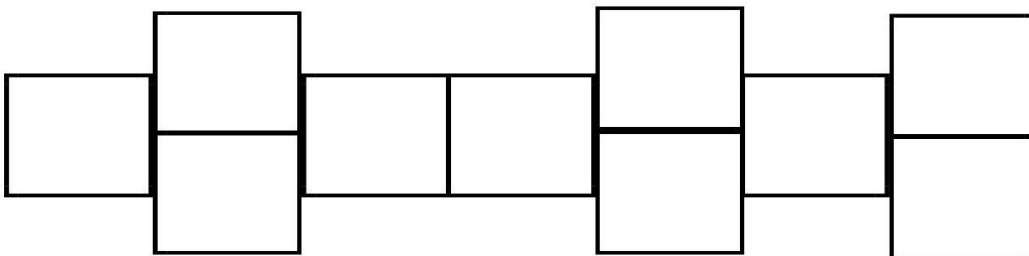
4) Optional Activity - Hopscotch Game

10 minutes

Prep

Before class, take a piece of posterboard and write **Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

Then find an area where students can jump in a long row safely. Take sidewalk chalk or tape, depending on the area, and mark out a hopscotch pattern like this:



Activity

To help us remember to forgive we are going to play hopscotch. Provide the rules below: Display the poster board with the verse so everyone can see it. Have students hop on each square as everyone else reads Ephesians 4:32 verse out loud.

For more fun, have the student hopping try to match the speed of the students saying the

verse. The students can read slowly so the person hopping would hop slowly or read quickly so the student hopping must hop quickly as well.

5) Optional Activity - Sing

5 minutes

If time allows, choose songs that relate to this lesson from the “I Will Obey Songs” sheets.

6) Optional Activity - Snack (4 Fruit Pieces)

5 minutes

Hand out four pieces to each student, ensuring you check for allergies first. Say, **this snack is to remind us that we should forgive. There are 4 for each of you and I am giving them to you. So they make the word 4-give! Let’s chat while we eat our four-give snacks!**

Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands if needed. Review with students by asking them questions from the lesson again and discuss any questions they have while snacking.

Let’s all remember the joy of forgiving and like the Father in the story, let’s forgive others as God forgives us!

7) Activity - Memory Verse

2-5 minutes

For the rest of this quarter have the students go to Galatians 6:9 in their Bibles and read the verse aloud as a class 2 times.

Galatians 6:9 *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

See other options of doing the memory verse activity from previous lessons:

8) Lesson Review

5 minutes

Say: **Think of a time when you showed forgiveness to someone? How did it make you feel?** Let students answer. **What about a time when someone had to forgive you for something you may have done? How did you feel?** Let students answer.

Ask other questions such as:

What is forgiveness?

Is it easy to forgive?

Should we do it anyway? Why?

Are you happy when others forgive you?

We should always want to forgive others just as God obeys us to.

9) Closing Prayer

Ask if there are any prayers the students want to share. Say closing prayer remembering to include thoughts from the lesson today.