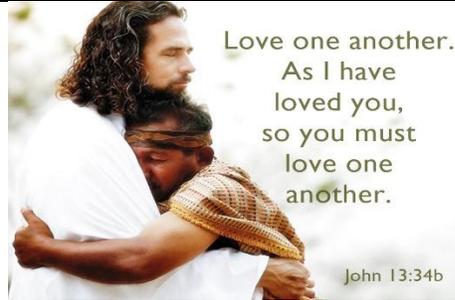


Theme: Forgiving and Forgiven

Kid's talk object; *Laminate a paper heart by covering it with Contact paper, trimming the edges to just around the heart.)*

Scripture; (Matthew 5:44) But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who have hurt you. All are God's children but not all know God is their father.



I'm sure you all know what this is. (Hold up your offering envelope.) It is my offering envelope. Every week I bring an offering as a gift to God -- it is a very important part of our worship. Most of you have probably brought your offering today too. There are many places in the Bible that teach us the importance of presenting an offering to God, but **the truth is that God is more interested in what's in our heart than He is in what's in our hand.** (Show kids the heart.)

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "If you are presenting your offering to God and you remember that you have said something that hurt another person, leave your gift at the altar and go and ask forgiveness from that person. Then come back and offer your gift to God."

Before we come to church each week, perhaps we should ask ourselves a few questions.

Have I been angry with someone this week? (if so, Scribble on the heart.)

Have I had any arguments lately? (if so, Scribble on the heart.)

Have I called someone a bad name? (if so, Scribble on the heart.)

Have I said something about someone that wasn't true? (if so, Scribble on the heart.)

What happened to our heart? *(Allow responses.)*

Everyone of us has been hurt or has hurt someone. Our response comes from our angry heart.

When I was in grades 7 and 8, there was a boy who was very mean. He'd push me, yell at me, say bad things about me, push my books off my desk. Even my teacher didn't know what to do. She would often let me stay in at recess sometimes so I could help her and avoid him, Many years later, I was walking past his house and all the hurtful memories came back. But this time I knew how to pray. I prayed to God to help me forgive him. From then on, the fear left me and I was able to pray for him to find forgiveness as well.

If we have hurt someone, we should ask God to forgive us and we should go to the person we have hurt and ask them to forgive us. (Wipe the scribbles off the heart.) When we have done that, God will be pleased with our heart and will welcome us into His open heart.

Pray: Dear God, sometimes we say things in anger that hurt other people. Help us to guard against hateful and hurtful words and forgive us as we ask those whom we have hurt to forgive us as well. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Let's sing the Lord's Prayer !

My name is _____

The Lord's Prayer



Our Father which art in _____,

Hallowed be Thy _____.

Thy _____

come, Thy Will be done,

on _____

as it is in Heaven.



Give us this day our daily _____;



and forgive us our debts, as we _____

our debtors.



And lead us not into _____,

but deliver us from _____ : For Thine is

the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. **Amen.**



FORGET + FOR EVER = FORGIVE

Cushioning the Blow



The 5 Finger Prayer

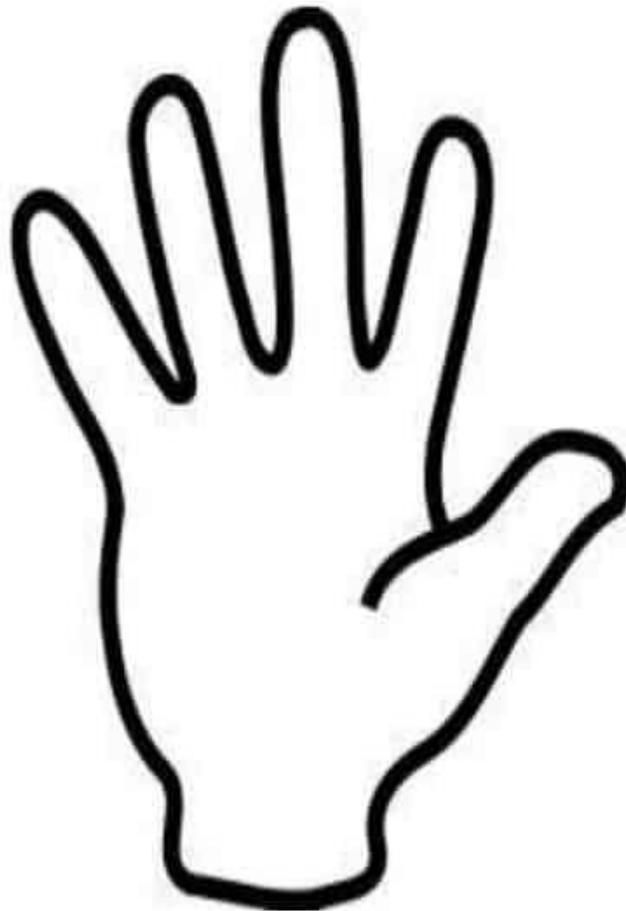
Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



Let's Do a Craft!



Cut out the tissue heart then cut out a slightly smaller heart from the other coloured paper. Tear the tissue heart into 6 pieces only. Repair the heart with masking tape leaving a space between the pieces. Turn it over and glue it to the back of the construction paper. Write in the spaces "FORGIVEN" Decorate the picture with Forgiveness words and hearts.

You will need. Red tissue paper (or construction paper) a background colour. Heart stickers, masking tape, scissors, markers.



You will need; 2 of your hand shapes, one circle, one heart, two legs and feet, one LONG arm, wiggly eyes and crayons.

Colour all the parts. Glue them together and write on the heart'

**FORGIVING
MAKES US
HAPPIER.**

**I LOVE YOU...YOU LOVE ME
THAT'S THE WAY IT'S MEANT TO BE
WITH A GREAT BIG HUG FROM ME TO YOU.
GOD LOVES ME AND HE LOVES YOU TOO.**

TUNE: THIS OLD MAN

Bless the Lord! Oh my soul. I worship your holy name!

OOOOH my soul! Sing like never before.

I worship your holy name. Sing like never before.

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