UNIT 1. SESSION 3 / Jesus Taught About Forgiveness

UNIT VERSE
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.
LUKE 4:18 KJV

FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN

Sometimes we need to ask for forgiveness, and sometimes we need to forgive others.

Look at the forgiveness tips and mark which type of forgiveness it is.

Think about what you did and say: “I’m sorry for ...”

Say: “I forgive you.”

Decide if you need to apologize, too.

Suggest a way you can make it right.

Say: “It’s OK. I know you didn’t mean to do it.”

Don’t add on: “But you ...”

Say: “I should not have hurt you.”

Don’t blame someone else.

Say: “It’s OK. Let’s be friends.”

Don’t allow yourself to keep thinking about it.

THE MAIN IDEA

Cross out all the sevens. Then write the main idea of today’s Bible story below and read it aloud.

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LUKE 4:18 CSB

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MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter came to Jesus one day and asked Him a question: “If my brother sins against me, how many times should I forgive him? Seven times?”

Jesus answered that seven times would not be enough. Jesus said, “Seventy times seven.”

Jesus told a story to explain. He said there was a king who wanted to collect money from his servants who owed him money. There was one servant who owed the king 10,000 talents. The servant had no way to pay the king back that much money, so the king demanded that the servant, his family, and everything he owned to be sold and the money given to the king.

The servant fell to his knees and begged the king to be patient. The servant promised he would pay the king everything he owed him if the king would just give him more time. The king felt sorry for the servant and set him free.

The king also forgave the servant’s debt and said he did not have to pay back any of the money he owed.

When the servant left the king, he found a fellow servant who owed him 100 denarii. The first servant grabbed the man, started choking him, and said, “Pay what you owe!” The fellow servant fell to his knees and begged for patience. He promised he would pay back all he owed.

But the first servant would not forgive the man. He wanted his money. He threw the man in prison until he could pay the entire amount.

When the king heard about this, he called for the first servant to be brought back to him. The king said the servant was evil. The king had forgiven the servant the huge amount of money he owed, but then the forgiven servant did not show any kindness or forgiveness to his fellow servant.

The king sent the first servant to jail until he could pay everything that was owed. Jesus told Peter everyone should forgive and really mean it.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Ephesians 4:32

LIFE POINT: Jesus taught that believers should forgive others as God forgives them.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Ephesians 4:32
Monday: 1 Thessalonians 5:15
Tuesday: Mark 4:24
Wednesday: Colossians 3:13
Thursday: Mark 11:25
Friday: Proverbs 20:22
Saturday: Matthew 6:14

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the Jesus Taught About Forgiveness section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.