

REVISION KIDS
Expedition (1st-5th)
March 22nd, 2020

BIBLE STORY: Please Forgive Me (The Story of the Lost Son) • Luke 15:11-24

BOTTOM LINE: Everyone needs to be forgiven.

Memory Verse: *Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIV)*

LIFE APP: Forgiveness—Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

REVISION BUCKS:

- They can get Revision Bucks by...
 - Reciting the verse before the lesson starts on Sunday mornings (1 RB)
 - Bringing their bible (1RB)
 - Bringing Offering (1RB)
- 6 Revision Bucks = 1 prize from the Revision Bucket

SCHEDULE:

1. Early Arriver

What You Need: Offering container, "Party Invitations" (Activity Page), scissors, markers

What You Do:

- Welcome kids as they arrive and encourage those with an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Ask kids to imagine the greatest, coolest, best-ever party they can think of. The sky's the limit!
- Give each child an invitation.
- Encourage them to think about:
 - FOR: What is the occasion? (*birthday party, Christmas party, etc.*)
 - DATE: When will the party be?
 - TIME: What time of day will the party be held?
 - PLACE: Where will the party be?
- As they're working on their invitations, ask:
 - If you could plan a party anywhere, where would it be?
 - What games would you play at your party or what would people do for fun at your party?

2. Everyone's It!

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to stand up and spread out in your Small Group area.
- Explain that you will play a version of tag where everyone is "It" and anyone can tag anyone.
- If you are tagged, you must sit down, BUT you can still tag other players from your seated position.
- Remind kids to be very careful not to trip anyone from this seated position.
- The last person still standing wins!
- Play as many rounds as time allows.

What You Say:

- "Whew! That was a fun game because everyone could tag! **[Transition] In our Bible story today, we'll hear about something else that's for everyone!**"

3. Worship & Lesson Video

- Next is the video portion of the morning. Let the kids pick one or two songs from the Revision Kids Worship DVD. Then put in the DVD/video lesson (**Week 4** option). The video is approximately 13 minutes but is subject to change with each message.

4. A PROPer Review

What You Need: Bible, bag of plastic coins, backpack, stuffed pig, robe or piece of fabric

What You Do:

- Open the Bible to Luke 15:11-24.
- Select one kid to play the son and one kid to play the father from today's Bible story.
- Let the rest of the kids pick a partner, and pass out one of the props to each pair to help retell the story.
- Make sure each pair understands how their prop relates to the story.
- Read the plot points below from the story as pairs use their props to act it out.
 - The younger of two sons asked his father for his share of the inheritance.
 - The father gave the money to his son.
 - The son packed up and left home for a faraway country.
 - There, the son wasted all his money.
 - The son became so hungry, he took a job caring for pigs.
 - The son decided to return home and beg to be let back in as a servant.
 - The father ran to meet him, gave him a hug, and gave him the best robe, a ring, and sandals.
 - The father threw a huge party to welcome his son home.

What You Say:

- "Why do you think Jesus told this story? How does our heavenly Father act like the earthly father in this story? (*Pause for kids to respond and discuss.*) The father in this story Jesus told had every right to be angry. While his father was still living, the son had asked for his inheritance, which is something that is only given when someone dies! And what did the son do with that hard-earned money? He wasted it. The father could have refused to see him or, at the very least, let him come back only as a servant. But what did he do? The father ran to him, hugged him, and forgave him. He was so happy to see him that he threw a big party to celebrate his return.
- **[Bottom Line]** "Everyone needs to be forgiven. The good news for us is that God LOVES each one of us. He loves us SO much that He sent Jesus, His only Son. God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sin, the stuff that separates us from God. Jesus made a way for EVERYONE to be forgiven! When we believe or trust in Jesus so that we can be forgiven, we can have a friendship with God forever!"

5. Giving Hearts

What You Need: 3 paper heart cutouts

What You Do:

- Gather your group to sit in a circle.
- Select three volunteers to stand outside the circle.
- Give each of those volunteers a heart.
- Explain to the group that these volunteers will be your "Givers."
- Instruct the rest of the group sitting on the floor to hold up one hand and close their eyes.
- While their eyes closed, the Givers will quietly hand out their hearts to three kids of their choosing and return to stand next to you.
- Once all three volunteers return, have the kids open their eyes and let the three with hearts guess who they think gave them the heart.
- If the guesser is correct, they switch places with the Giver. If incorrect, they stay in the circle and that Giver may reveal himself and stay in that position for the next round.
- Play several rounds, allowing as many kids to be the Givers as possible.

What You Say:

- "In this game, you had to guess the Giver. What's the key word in the middle of the word 'forgiveness'? Give! How is forgiveness like a gift? When you forgive someone, it's like offering a gift the other person doesn't deserve. Tell me: who needs forgiveness? Yes! **[Bottom Line]** Everyone needs to be forgiven. Who always forgives? God does! God sent His only Son, Jesus, so that everyone that believes in Him could be forgiven!"

6. Verse Hideaway

What You Need: Bibles, paper scraps, and pens

What You Do:

- Instruct two kids to look up Colossians 3:13 and read it aloud to the group.
- As they are reading, write out the verse on the paper scraps—two or three words per scrap of paper. Count the paper scraps.
- When you finish, fold the papers in half and ask the kids to cover their eyes as you hide them around your Small Group area.
- Once all the words are hidden, challenge your kids to find all of the paper scraps and put the verse in order.
- Review their work by repeating the verse together as a group.

What You Say:

- “One BIG truth about forgiveness is that everyone needs it! We all mess up. When we do, we can be sure that God will ALWAYS forgive us. Our verse for this month reminds us to forgive because God has forgiven us. If you find yourself refusing to forgive this week, ask God to help you remember that **[Bottom Line] everyone needs to be forgiven.**”

7. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Deflated balloon

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a tight circle and ask them if there is anyone they need to forgive this week. (Instruct kids to think about this silently and keep their answers in their minds without saying names aloud.)
- Blow up the balloon with air and hold the end closed.
- Let the air out as you use the dialogue below to talk about why forgiveness is important.
- Close in prayer, asking God to help your group let it go and choose to forgive.

What You Say:

- “What might happen if I kept on blowing up this balloon? (*Pause.*) Yes, it will pop! This balloon is like us when we refuse to forgive and choose instead to stay mad. When we choose to let go of our anger, remembering that **[Bottom Line] everyone needs to be forgiven**, (*let the air out of the balloon*) then everyone wins! Let’s pray and ask God to help us choose forgiveness this week for everyone!
- “God, thank You for sending Jesus so that we could be forgiven! We don’t want to stay angry and blow up and do something unkind. Help us to let it go and choose to forgive. Thank You for showing us how to do that. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



What to Do:
Print and cut apart. Provide one invitation for each kid.