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ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Story

Luke 7:40-50

Date

March 29th

Big Idea

God forgives me!

BIBLE STORY

Watch [this video](#) of Luke 7:40-50 together.

The people in today's Bible story were upset at the woman because they thought she wasn't a very good person, and she was taking up too much of Jesus' time and attention. But what did Jesus say to that? Jesus makes the point that the person who had been forgiven for a bigger thing (like owing more money) would be even more grateful than the person who had been forgiven for a smaller thing (like owing less money). Jesus knew the woman really needed a lot of forgiveness, and she was so thankful Jesus gave it to her! Have you ever done something wrong or hurt someone and then felt bad about it? That's because even though God made us for greatness, sometimes we mess up and do things God doesn't want us to do. That's why we all need God to forgive us. And the good news is, God does!

DISCUSSION

- Why were the people in the story mad at the woman?
- Why do you think the woman was so happy and grateful to be around Jesus?
- Why did Jesus tell the story of the two men who owed different amounts of money?
- Re-read Romans 3:23. Who needs God's forgiveness?
- How does it feel when you know you've done something wrong or hurt someone?
- Describe a time when you needed forgiveness.
- Why do you think forgiveness is important?

ACTIVITY 1

I'm Sorry, It's Okay

This game is basically a variation of "Marco Polo." Ask one family member to wear a blindfold and try to find the rest of the family. The family member that is "it" says, "I'm sorry," and the rest of the family has to say, "It's okay!" The game continues until the family member that is "it" finds everyone.

Another way to play would be to have only one or two family members at a time run away/hide and the rest of the family tries to find them by using the same call and repeat pattern as used above.

When are some times we tell someone we're sorry? Why do we say, "It's okay" when someone says they're sorry? Often times, we say "I'm sorry" and "It's okay" because we have to, and not because we really want or offer forgiveness. Today, we are going to learn what God wants us to know about forgiveness.

ACTIVITY 2

Worst Kept Secret

Provide each child/family member with white paper and ask them to write "God forgives me" with a white crayon in whatever way they want on the paper. Afterward, ask your child to paint everywhere on the paper- even over the writing with water color paints. (Markers will work as well, but paint is more exciting and dramatic if you have it).

Say, "I know we made the hidden message pop out of paper using paint, but it really is no secret. God forgives us. And we should let everyone know it!"

God, thank You for forgiving us. We are sorry for the stuff we've done that make you sad. Thanks for always forgiving us and helping us stay away from the things that do not please You. Amen.