

Unit 7 Lesson 4: **Jesus Wants Me to Know That He is Forgiving**

Heartprint: **Jesus Wants Me to Know Him**

Memory Verse: **John 14:6**

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Parents, we have done something new to help you with your little ones and our lesson...we have a video of our large group for you to watch to help you with the story, the song and the memory verse. We miss seeing you all in person, but until we can get together in person, we hope you enjoy our videos! Here is the link to our large group video: <https://youtu.be/alyXJnxndwo>

Song: Good Good Friend <https://youtu.be/gKBNhdnYcfA>

This is the link for the video we are using on Sundays:

<https://youtu.be/WuRDNbevcJg>

Activity: Trail Verse Hunt

Items Needed:

- Memory Verse (printed on cardstock - if you have it. Regular copy paper or written on construction paper will be fine for at home)
- Tape
- Scissors

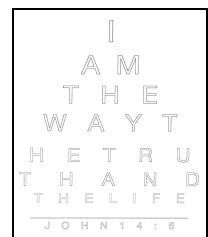
Instructions: Cut up the memory verse and hide throughout the designated area. Let children go in pairs or individually (as the teacher chooses) to find all the words of this month's Bible verse hidden around the room. Another option is follow the leader/teacher on the trail and hunt for the memory verse as they go. Have the teacher tell the first child to hunt for the word "I", the next child will find "AM" on the trail, etc. The teacher or helper can tape them to the wall or just hold them as they are found.

Connection Point: As we journey through each day, recalling scripture will help us remember that Jesus is the only way, He is truth and He alone is life.

Craft: Eye chart memory verse

Items Needed:

- Eye Chart Memory Verse template (one per child)
- Water color paint
- Paint brushes or cotton swabs



Instructions: Pass out the eye chart memory verse template to each child. Allow the children to paint the eye chart with their paint brushes or cotton swabs. While painting, read the memory verse to them and have them recite it back.

Connection Point: Jesus wants us to see Him so that we see who God is. Jesus wants us to hear and accept His words so that we can live with God. Jesus wants us to believe in Him because God sent Him to forgive us and save us. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God sent to forgive me and save me. You can believe this too!

Bible Lesson: Jesus wants me to know He is forgiving

Memory Verse: I am the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6 <https://youtu.be/rxZzswc6jXo>

Items needed: Bible, pictures for today's lesson (below), or you can watch the video of our Large Group lesson: <https://youtu.be/alyXJnxndwo>

This week's story taken is from Matthew 18:21-35; Romans 3:23, 6:23:

I have a story inside a true story today. Part of it is true, and part of it is a story that Jesus told people. Before I tell you about that, though, I have a question: have you ever had to forgive someone? I know I have. (You can use this story or personalize it to you.) I have a younger brother, and when we were little, we argued a lot...I mean A LOT! If I did something wrong to my brother, my mom and dad would tell me to apologize or say I was sorry. If my brother did something wrong to me, he would have to say he was sorry, and I had to forgive him. I wonder what would have happened if my brother took my riding toy without asking every day. He would have to say he's sorry every day. Would I have to forgive him every day? I wonder if that would get tiring. Let's open this book and see what it says (Hold up Bible).

What is this book? The Bible. What do we know about the Bible? The Bible is God's Word. The Bible is always true. The Bible is always right. Let's learn about a true story by opening our Bibles to Matthew chapter 18.

Jesus had been teaching his disciples and many people by telling them stories to help them understand things. Peter had a question. He asked Jesus, how many times should I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Is 7 times enough? (Hold up 7 fingers) Jesus' response was, not 7 times but 70 times 7...what??? That's a lot of times! (Flash 7 fingers up several times with emphasis) Next, Jesus told this story:

The kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who had many servants. The servants owed money to the king. One servant owed the king lots and lots and lots and lots of money. The servant did not have enough money to pay the king, so the king was going to sell the servant, his wife, his children and all he had to pay the king. The servant fell down on his knees and begged the king for forgiveness. He said, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." The king had compassion for the servant and forgave him! That was a BIG debt (debt is when you owe money to someone else). The servant was so happy!

Then the servant found another servant who owed him a little money. The first servant grabbed the man and began to choke him! He said, "Pay what you owe." The man pleaded with him and said, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused to forgive the man and put him in jail even though it was the same thing the first servant said to the king. There were some other servants who knew what happened. The first servant was forgiven by the king, but then the servant didn't forgive the other man. They told the king. The king was very unhappy. He had forgiven ALLLLL the money owed, but the first servant didn't have mercy on the other servant. The king ordered that the man now had to go to jail.

This entire story is about forgiving. Jesus came to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Our sins are the bad things in our lives, and all of us have sin. We must realize we have sin and ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins. When we do that, He forgives us and gives us eternal life because He loves us and is forgiving. I am so glad Jesus is forgiving! Let's say that together: Jesus is forgiving.

Pray: God, we thank you so much for Jesus. Jesus thank you for teaching people when you were here on earth, and thank you for the Bible that helps us to learn about you. Thank you for teaching us about forgiveness. Help us to forgive others just like you forgive us. Thank you for dying on the cross to save us from our sins, and we celebrate that you are not dead. We know that Jesus is ALIVE! We love you. Thank you for loving us. In your name we pray, Amen.

Questions:

1. How many times should we forgive someone? (70 times 7)
2. Did the first servant owe a little money or a lot? (A lot)
3. What did the king do at first when the servant asked for forgiveness? (Forgave him)
4. What did the servant do to the man who owed him money? (choked him and put him in jail)
5. What did the king do when he heard the servant didn't forgive? (put him in jail)
6. Let's say what we learned about Jesus: Jesus is forgiving!





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John 14:6

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