

OUR CITY KIDS

ELEMENTARY – Kinder – 6th Grade

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 (NirV)

ACTIVITY:

Verse Hideaway:

- Have the kids 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 house (or designated room).
- 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.

“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.**”

DISCUSSION:

Questions:

- What is one way you respond when you’ve done something wrong?
- When has someone forgiven you? **Encourage** kids to share examples and talk about how it felt to be forgiven.
- What about when you’ve forgiven someone else? How do you think they felt?

Just for Fun

Made to play: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: Offering container, markers, butcher paper, tape, “Draw a Pig Directions” Activity Page, pipe cleaners (or curled paper), bandana or eye mask

What You Do:

- **Invite** kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- **Tape** a large piece of butcher paper on the wall.
- Using a pink marker and the “Draw a Pig Directions,” **draw** a large pig on the paper. Be sure to omit the pig’s tail. As you draw, **encourage** kids to guess what you are drawing.
- **Play** a game of “Pin the Tail on the Pig.” To **play**:
 - **Gather** kids to stand about 10 feet from the pig.
 - **Give** kids a pipe cleaner with tape on the end.
 - **Blindfold** kids one at a time, **spin** them around 2-3 times, and **let** them try to tape their tails on the pig in the right location.
 - The kid who tapes the tail closest to the correct spot on the pig wins.
 - While waiting for their turn, kids can bend their pigtails to give them different shapes, e.g. curly.

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