

## Lessons to go along with the booklet, *Forgiveness*

### Lesson #1

#### Agenda

Prayer

Questions on board

Lesson

Q & A

Reinforcement activity

Prayer

#### Lesson

1. Page 1. Teach the spiritual separation of Jesus from God the Father. Jesus died spiritually so we could live spiritually. Discuss judgment and justice as coming from God the Father. Get across the truth that the cross was judgment of Jesus Christ, being judged for our sins. Read Mathew 27:46, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" Make sure the kids know why Jesus Christ was forsaken.
2. Page 2. Discuss "forgiveness" at salvation and when we rebound. Read page 2 along with scriptures.
3. Page 3. God over definition of forgiveness. You might have 4 helium balloons and write the words: resentment, release, excuse, and forget, one word on each balloon. As you discuss the word, release the balloon. Discuss God wanting us to forgive others and ourselves. Read page 3 and discuss scripture.
4. Page 4. Teach Luke 23:34, "Father forgive them; for..." Bring out the meaning of compassion, power of the Holy Spirit, and divine viewpoint and how they apply to Jesus Christ on the cross and to believers.
5. Page 5. Read and discuss page 5. Use balloons again. Read and discuss scripture.
6. Points to Remember, page 11. Go over #1-7. Put them on the board or strips of paper. See if the kids can find a scripture to go with the point. (Look on the corresponding page. Teacher can direct them as to where to look.)

#### Q & A

See if the kids have any questions or comments. If not, use questions #1-6 on page 12.

#### Reinforcement

Play bingo or hang man using words from the lesson.

#### Prayer

## **Lesson #2**

**Put agenda on board**

### **Lesson**

1. Page 6. Teach scriptures: Psalm 51:4 and Colossians 3:13. Discuss benefits of forgiving and the power we use to do so.
2. Page 7. Talk about Joseph. Tell his story. Genesis 37
3. Page 8. Tell more about Joseph, Genesis 45, 50. May want to go over: grace orientation, doctrinal orientation, spiritual self-esteem, personal sense of destiny, and impersonal love. This could be a whole extra lesson. There are booklets on each one of the problem-solving devices.
4. Page 9. Discuss what happens if we don't forgive and how many times we should forgive.
5. Page 10. Read and discuss page 10 together. Use balloons to show meaning of forgiveness. Go over Luke 6:38.
6. Go over "Points to Remember", #8-14, page 11.

### **Q & A**

See if kids have any questions or comments. Use questions #7-12, page 12.

### **Reinforcement**

1. May want to use page 10, Luke 6:27-38. Read to kids and have them illustrate what you have read. Put pictures into a booklet.
2. Word scramble, page 13.

**Enjoy, relax, have a good time teaching!**  
**Remember, Jesus was relaxed!**