

Club Time Lesson #9 – I Forgive You

OBJECTIVE:

Students will learn what it means to forgive those who have hurt them.

GAME: (Please choose from folder)

READ & DISCUSS:

Today we're going to read a story about forgiveness.

Read Matthew 18:23 - 35

- Who can summarize the story Jesus told?
- Was the king right to ask for his money back? Was the first servant right to ask for his money back?
- Look at verse 33. What word does the king use to describe the way he treated the servant?
- What is mercy? (Let kids try to define it. FY - in the dictionary it is: compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.)
- Why do you THINK the servant had a hard time showing mercy to the other servant?
- Has anything like this ever happened to you?
- Was the king right to be angry at the way his servant acted?
- Verse 35 says God will do this to us if we don't forgive. What do you think about that? Does it seem fair?
- Is forgiving people who hurt us easy? Why or why not?

The truth is, we need God's forgiveness and He gives it to us freely. We 'owe' Him a great debt and cannot pay it!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Well the good news is - Jesus chose to forgive us. He bore our sin – every bitter thought, every lie, every evil deed Jesus took it as if He had committed the sin Himself! Jesus will always forgive us no matter how big or bad our mishaps are. This is amazing and the more we understand it, the easier it will be to forgive others.

PRAY