

WEEK 7 PRESCHOOL LESSON



Need to Know: *I Can Forgive*

Bible Story: *Esau Forgives (Genesis 27, 32:1-21, 33:1-11)*

Circle Up



1. WELCOME kids to church.
 2. SAY: *Hello, friends! My name is (YOUR NAME), and I'm your small group leader! (SHOW the **ninja rubber ducky**) This is my ninja friend, and he wants to meet each of you. When he comes to you, tell him your name! I'll go first!* (SAY your name again, and PASS the ninja rubber ducky to the child beside you)
 3. PASS the **ninja rubber ducky** around the group, and ALLOW each child to introduce themselves.
 4. After all kids have been introduced, SAY:
 - *Now we are officially ninjas in training! The first thing ninjas do is say, "Hi-yah!" to doing wrong things and start doing what's right. Let me hear your best "Hi-yah!"* (Everyone will say, "Hi-yah!")
 - *If your friend says, "Hi-yah!" and accidentally kicks over your cup of water, should you yell at him or forgive him?* (Forgive him)
 - *Yes! Since we are all ninjas, we can do what's right by forgiving others! Let me hear all of you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - I Can* (thumbs to chest)
 - Forgive* (wave arms in front of chest)
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Read the Bible



1. SAY: *There's a story in the Bible about a man who had to decide if he would forgive his brother. Let's read their story and find out what happened.*
 2. HAVE kids get ready to hear the Bible story by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
 3. SHOW and READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group.
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Let's Practice



1. SAY: *It's not always easy, but Jesus wants you and me to forgive others when they hurt us or make us mad. Tiny Tiger wants to help us practice forgiving and asking for forgiveness!*
2. SHOW and READ each **Tiny Tiger Card** to the group, and ALLOW kids to respond.
3. CONTINUE until all Cards have been read and discussed. Then SAY:
 - *Jesus wants us to say, "Hi-yah!" to doing what's wrong and start forgiving others! Let me hear you say this after me:* (PAUSE to allow kids to repeat)
 - I Can* (thumbs to chest)
 - Forgive* (wave arms in front of chest)

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *We've been learning a verse from God's Word that says God wants to help us change from doing or thinking wrong things to doing what's right. He wants to make our hearts and minds new! Let's practice it together now!*
 2. SHOW the **Memory Verse Card**, and HAVE kids repeat the verse after you several times.
 "Be made new (wave hands in front of face)
 in your hearts (pat heart)
 and in your thinking." (point to head)
 Ephesians 4:23 (make book with hands)
 3. SAY the verse together as a group several times in the following ways:
 - Using a whisper voice
 - Tiptoeing quietly
 - With eyes closed
 4. REMIND kids to practice this verse with their family at home so they can win a prize next week.
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Let's Pray

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- PRAY with your group, having them repeat after you in short phrases:
- *Jesus, thank You for forgiving me! Please help me to forgive others! Thank You for my snack. I love You! In Your name I pray. Amen.*
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Stay Together

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1. **SANITIZE** each child's hands, and PASS out **snacks**.
2. KEEP kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing the following activities:
 - PLACE the **crayons** in the center of the group. GIVE kids a **Memory Verse Coloring Sheet** to color. REMIND kids to take this home and put it somewhere they can see to practice it. As kids color, REVIEW the memory verse and/or ASK:
 - *Do you ever have a hard time forgiving others?*
 - *Is there anyone you need to say, "I forgive you," or, "Will you forgive me," to?*
 - *How can I be praying for you this week?*
 - PLAY "Hot Potato" with the **ninja rubber ducky**.
 - HAVE kids say the Need to Know or memory verse as they pass the **ducky** quickly.
 - At the end of the Need to Know or memory verse, ALLOW the child who is holding the **ducky** to tell the group a ninja move to do.
 - CONTINUE until each child has a chance to tell the group a ninja move.
 - PLAY "Sensei Says" (pronounced: Sin-say) with the following moves or come up with your own.
*NOTE: SAY, "Sensei says," before each motion.
 - Touch your toes - Karate chop - Pat heart - Run in place
 - Touch your head - Karate block - Stomp feet - Clap hands