












Theme: Forgiveness Joseph Genesis 50:19-21



1 Snack idea	Biscuits, toast or Jammie Dodgers	
2 Craft or Game	Craft	Illustrate 70 x 7 – small sealable containers (jam jars/ plastic pots), glue, something small like bird seed or lentils. Glue 7 of the items on the lid and then place a spoonful or two of the items in the pot and seal. These could be used as shakers for the song.
3 Lighting the candle	Use the same words as the school when lighting the candle.	
4 Welcome	Song: Prayer:	You could use ' welcome everybody ' by Fischy music You could use this gathering prayer by Sam Hargreaves
5 Collect	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	The collect for the day can be found here: Join us in a service of Daily Prayer The Church of England , then select Morning Prayer and scroll to the end to find the collect.
6 Bible passage	Say: We are reading a story (that has been adapted) from the Bible today so that we can hear God's word and learn about Him.	Genesis 50:19-21 This whole story of Joseph is quite long, too long to tell in a short session. But without it not everyone present will understand what Joseph was forgiving. One way to tackle this is to ask those present if they remember the story of Joseph. Ask them to re-tell it making sure they hit all the main points. Then ask them: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What did Joseph forgive – being beaten up, sold as a slave, their actions caused him to be in prison etc.• Ask – I wonder if you would find it easy to forgive all those things.
7 Biblical link	Why it matters	Why is it important to forgive people? Take ideas... Christians believe that God is a merciful God who forgives us when we make mistakes, whether we meant the wrongs we did or not. Jesus came to show us all how God wanted us to live and He said we should forgive people 70 x 7 times!! That's 490 if you were wondering – far too many to keep track of. (If using the second craft, empty out a container into a dish and talk about how it's too many to count). So the message is that we are to keep forgiving others, again and again just as God keeps on forgiving us. If you don't forgive someone how do you feel towards them? Cross, angry, vengeful, bitter...
8 Take away response	Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?	Is there someone that you need to forgive? Maybe you feel cross or angry with them? How can you forgive that person? How can you show that they are forgiven? Do you need to ask for forgiveness from God or anyone else for something you have done? How can you find the courage to do that? How might you ask for forgiveness?

<p>9 Prayer</p>	<p>Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...</p>	<p>Have Alka seltzer tablets and a bowl of water. Invite each person to come forward hold a 'coin' in their hand, think of someone they need to forgive, then place the 'coin' into the water as the tablet dissolves – pray God, give me strength to forgive from the heart.</p> <p>Dear God, we struggle to forgive wholly and fully. We thank You for demonstrating such forgiveness by graciously extending it to us. Help us forgive freely and let go of our anger and bitterness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.</p>	 
<p>10 Song</p>	<p>Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God</p>	<p>My Lighthouse (<i>Rend Collective</i>) Our God is a Great Big God (<i>Nigel Hemming</i>)</p>	 
<p>11 The Lord's Prayer</p>	<p>Use the same version as the school.</p>	<p>Ask people to pray using whichever version they know</p>	  
<p>12 Blessing</p>	<p>Say:</p>	<p>We are now to go out, empowered by Jesus' special presence with us, in communion with one another to share the Gospel with others. Amen.</p>	  

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