



## Theme: Forgiveness

Book: **Tiddler** by Julia Donaldson

### Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

**What** was last week's action?

**How** did that make you feel?

**Why** did that make a difference?



### Prayer time

Loving Father, please look after each precious family, giving them comfort and the knowledge that there is always a safe home on the journey of life with you. Amen.

### Inspiration ...

#### Biblical Reference:

**Luke 15:32**

*'But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'*

#### • SNACK TIME

Starfish shaped cheese or sandwiches, 'coissant' crabs, sliced orange for goldfish.

#### • SONGS

Use musical instruments

One, two, three, four, five

#### Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

<https://>

Fish template.

### Theme Introduction:

'Tiddler, the story telling fish' by Julia Donaldson. This small fish can tell the tallest of tales. But when Tiddler gets lost, the stories told by the other sea creatures help him to find his way home safely!

Christians believe the Bible tells the greatest story of all! God made us and loves us. He loves us unconditionally whether we love him or not. Just like the father in the Prodigal Son story, God forgives us when we say we are truly sorry. Also, when we truly forgive someone we forget the wrong that they have done to us. This is part of being a Christian.

### Theme exploration:

Just as Tiddler found his way home, there is a story in the Bible, of a son who is welcomed back home by his loving Father. Jesus told this story called the Prodigal Son, to help us understand how much we are loved and forgiven by God. Through Jesus each of us is brought safely home to our loving God as Tiddler is taken safely home.

### Free play suggestion:

#### Link to theme:

• Hide a toy fish around the room. Show the children a picture of the fish and ask them to find it.

I wonder can you find the fish.

I wonder how long he has been lost.

#### Link with book:

• Paper fish racing – make paper fish using the template. Then make a fan from newspaper and 'fan' the fish along the floor.

I wonder how far you can make the fish go – can you make it go around corners.

### Craft ideas:

#### Link with book:

• Make your own sensory bottles – use blue food colouring so that it looks like the sea some ideas are here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7zp7KbxbKY>

• Thumb print scales onto fish template

I wonder what colour scales you are going to paint.

**Faith in action:** Its tough to forgive, how many times will you truly forgive someone this week?