



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 5, Lesson 25

A Letter About Forgiving Others

Lesson Aim: To know we are to forgive others.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Forgive each other."

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GUIDES US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the Holy Spirit who guides us. He guides us to forgive each other. To forgive others is to not count their wrongdoings against them. Today's Whisper Verse is "Forgive each other." Let's try it together. Review Whisper Verse together: "Forgive each other." Include sign language.

God forgives us, and we are to forgive others as He forgives us. Sometimes, it can be difficult to forgive others, but with God's help we can do it. With God all things are possible! As we collect the offering today, let's sing about that! Sing Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse Song, "With God All Things Are Possible," as the offering is collected.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Jesus gave His life so you would be forgiven. You are that important to Him; He loves you very much. Sing: "Jesus Loves Me" or "Everyone Who Calls." **We can share His love by forgiving others when they do wrong against us.** Sing: "Love One Another."

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Because we know God loves and forgives us, we can love and forgive each other. Sing: "We Love."

THE WORD PAUL'S LETTER ABOUT FORGIVING EACH OTHER CLASSROOM PROMISE

In the Bible, there are special letters written by believers to people like you and me. Last time, we learned from one of John's letters that God always forgives us when we admit our

wrongdoings to Him. Today, we will read a letter Paul wrote about forgiving each other.

SPECIAL DELIVERY: EPHESIANS 4:32

Let's open the Special Delivery Mailbag to find this week's letter. Child opens mailbag, removes the Bible, and hands it to you. Read the letter.

Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,

Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.

Love, Paul

Who forgave us? (God.) Let's find our answer in today's letter from the Bible. Read answer from today's New Testament letter.

God forgave us. Who should we forgive? (Each other.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Forgive each other." Include sign language or hand motions.

PASS THE SMILING FACE: Ask the question below and then give the picture of the smiley face to a child who has raised his or her hand. The child holding the smiley face gets to give his or her answer, and then gives it to another child whose hand is raised to answer the question.

Would any of you like to tell us about a time when you forgave someone for doing wrong to you? (Children respond.)

THE WAY FORGIVING EACH OTHER

CRAFT: Forgiveness Cross

GAMES: Forgive Each Other, Happy Hugs

SNACK: Smiling Faces Snack

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

GAMES: Letter Games, Collect the Letters

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Circle Verse, Bible Memory Verse Hop
STORY TIME