



## Theme: Forgiveness Matthew 6:14-15

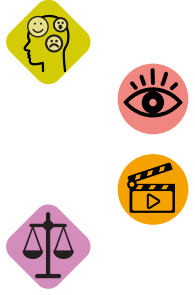


1 <b>Snack idea</b>	Biscuits or toast	Chocolate fingers to represent kind hands	
2 <b>Craft or Game</b>	Craft	<p>Craft 1. Dirty stones which they can clean in water and dry. Then add hearts either drawn or glued.</p> <p>Craft 2. Make a paper chain to use in section 7 (Biblical link)</p>	
3 <b>Lighting the candle</b>	Use the same words as the school when lighting the candle.		
4 <b>Welcome</b>	Song: Prayer:	<p>You could use '<a href="#">welcome everybody</a>' by Fischy music</p> <p>You could use this <a href="#">gathering prayer</a> by Sam Hargreaves</p>	
5 <b>Collect</b>	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	<p>The collect for the day can be found here: <a href="#">Join us in a service of Daily Prayer   The Church of England</a>, then select Morning Prayer and scroll to the end to find the collect.</p>	
6 <b>Bible passage</b>	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.	<p>Matthew 6:14-15</p> <p>Use a pencil with an eraser on the end as a visual example of the mistakes we make. If I make a mistake with this pencil, I can use the rubber to remove the mark and carry on as though I hadn't made a mistake at all. We all make mistakes, I make lots, I don't mean to, it just happens. Other people make mistakes too and sometimes those mistakes hurt us. The mark with this pencil is easily rubbed out with this pencil, but if I made a mark with a pen that would be more difficult to remove. For us some mistakes are easy to forgive, like the pencil marks and some are much harder like pen marks.</p> <p>When we are truly sorry, God forgives our mistakes whether they are pencil or pen type mistakes. God wants us to forgive others in the same way whether they are easy or hard things to forgive.</p> <p>The rubber on this pencil will at some point run out, but God will keep on forgiving us, forever, and we should keep on forgiving others.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Sketch: <a href="#">DRA002-Argument-in-the-car.pdf</a> (allageworshipresources.org)</p> <p>Assembly style idea: <a href="#">SHT063-The-gift-for-everyone.pdf</a> (allageworshipresources.org) – this includes 7. Biblical link section.</p>	
7 <b>Biblical link</b>	Why it matters	<p>Every time we say the Lord's prayer we say Forgive us our sins/ trespasses as we forgive those who sin/trespass against us. Today's passage states quite simply <i>if you forgive others for the things they do wrong, then your Father in heaven will also forgive you for the things you do wrong</i>. God wants us to forgive others and He will forgive us.</p>	

**8 Take away response**

Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?

We make mistakes all the time so do other people, sometimes those mistakes hurt us. I wonder who has hurt you.  
I wonder if you have forgiven them. This means truly forgetting all about it.  
*Can you put your paper chains on your wrists like handcuffs?*  
By not forgiving others we hold a grudge against people, we stay angry with them and continue to feel hurt. This can wear us down and make us sad. Forgiving others breaks this chain of anger and hurt. Think about who you need to forgive, truly forgive them in your heart, which means you will not think of it again and now – *break the chains*.  
I wonder how you can show that person that they are forgiven.



**9 Prayer**

Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...

Use a whiteboard and pens. Ask everyone to think of something they have done wrong and if they would like to, to come forward and mark the board in some way to represent that. Ask them to say sorry in their heads and then the leader will pray a prayer of forgiveness and wipe the board clean.



**10 Song**

Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God

My Lighthouse (*Rend Collective*)  
Our God is a Great Big God (*Nigel Hemming*)



**11 The Lord's Prayer**

Use the same version as the school.

Ask people to pray using whichever version they know



**12 Blessing**

Say: We are now to go out, empowered by Jesus' special presence with us.

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
and may God hold you in the palm of His hand,  
now and forever. Amen



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