

WEEK 2

LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

We can always forgive.

BIBLE

The Unforgiving Servant:
Matthew 18:23–35; 1 John 3:1–7

From retro toys to fashion trends, we all love a good throwback. (Especially for grown-ups because it reminds us of being young again.) There are things that remind us of a moment in time, but other things feel timeless and like they're always in style. In this four-week series, kids will travel through the decades and see that the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels are always trending. As we hear from Jesus, we'll see **it's always good to be humble, we can always forgive, Jesus is always fair, and love always needs action.**

Sup homies! Welcome back to *Throwback!* Each week, we'll go back in time and see that the things Jesus taught are always trending because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever! This week, we're going back to the 1990's! Are you ready for the *411*? I mean, let's check this out!

ACTIVITY | **Sorry!**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *If you have a game of Sorry! at home, find someone to play it with. If you don't have the game at home, have a trusted adult search YouTube for a clip of people playing the board game, Sorry!*
- Kids in the 90's didn't play online video games as we do today . . . at least, not at the level we do now. So they played a lot of board games, like *Sorry!*
- **How does it feel when you get knocked out of your square and have to start over? Does it help when they say, "Sorry?"**
- Today's Bible story is going to talk about what we can do when people tell us they're sorry . . . or even when they don't!

BIBLE STORY | Watch the Bible Story from the online lesson from **Matthew 18:23-35.**

DISCUSSION

- **SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS**
 - **What did the king do for the servant who owed ten thousand bags of gold?** *The king canceled his debt and let him go.*
 - **What did the first servant do to his fellow servant who owed one hundred silver coins?** *He attacked him and sent him to prison.*

- **Why did the king hand the first servant over to the jailers?** *The first servant didn't forgive a fellow servant even though he himself had been forgiven a huge debt.*
- **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**
 - **Why can we always forgive?**
 - **What happens when we hold grudges for a long time?**
 - **Knowing that Jesus forgave us and continues to forgive, what are some things you can do to show forgiveness?**

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SCRIPTURE | 1 John 3:1-7

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** **Read 1 John 3:1-7.**



- Beanie Babies were really popular in the 90's! People would collect them. Some Beanie Babies would be easy to find but others were a little harder. Some Beanie Babies cost a lot of money. So if you wanted one of them, there was a great price to pay. Today, they are not worth as much as people thought they would be, but imagine this...
- You're in the 1990s and someone just handed you an entire box of Beanie Babies. Not because you deserved it. Just because. Even if you're not a fan of these adorable collectibles, you'd be shocked at how much it's worth (at that time)! **Would you be able to believe that someone would just give something so valuable to you?**
- That's how God gives us love and forgiveness. 1 John 3 tells us that it's a luxurious gift that we didn't deserve or earn, but verse 5 tells us that Jesus "*appeared so that he might take away our sins.*" It's something only Jesus could do because he is the only one who is truly righteous and without sin.
- God's forgiveness is a gift we can open and share with others. **We can always forgive** because we have been forgiven, too.

PRAYER

- Jesus, thank you for always forgiving us. We could never pay you back, but we can pay it forward by forgiving others. Instead of holding grudges, we want to practice forgiveness. Show us who we can forgive and how. Amen.

ACTIVITY OPTION #1 | **ACTIVITY** | **Picture Perfect**

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Open the downloadable lesson in the button below. Print the camera printable.*
- People didn't have smartphones in the 90's so if you wanted to take photos, you would have to use a camera that contained a roll of film. Once you used up the entire roll,

you would take it to a place where they would develop the photos from the film strips, or negatives. People held on to the negatives in case they wanted to print more copies of the photos.

- When it comes to forgiveness though, we don't have to hold onto the negative things. In each of these film squares, **write or draw some things that will remind you of all the things we talked about today** (including those wild 90's trends!). Don't forget to add today's Big Idea in there: **We can always forgive.**

ACTIVITY #2 | Bible Story or Memory Verse Printable

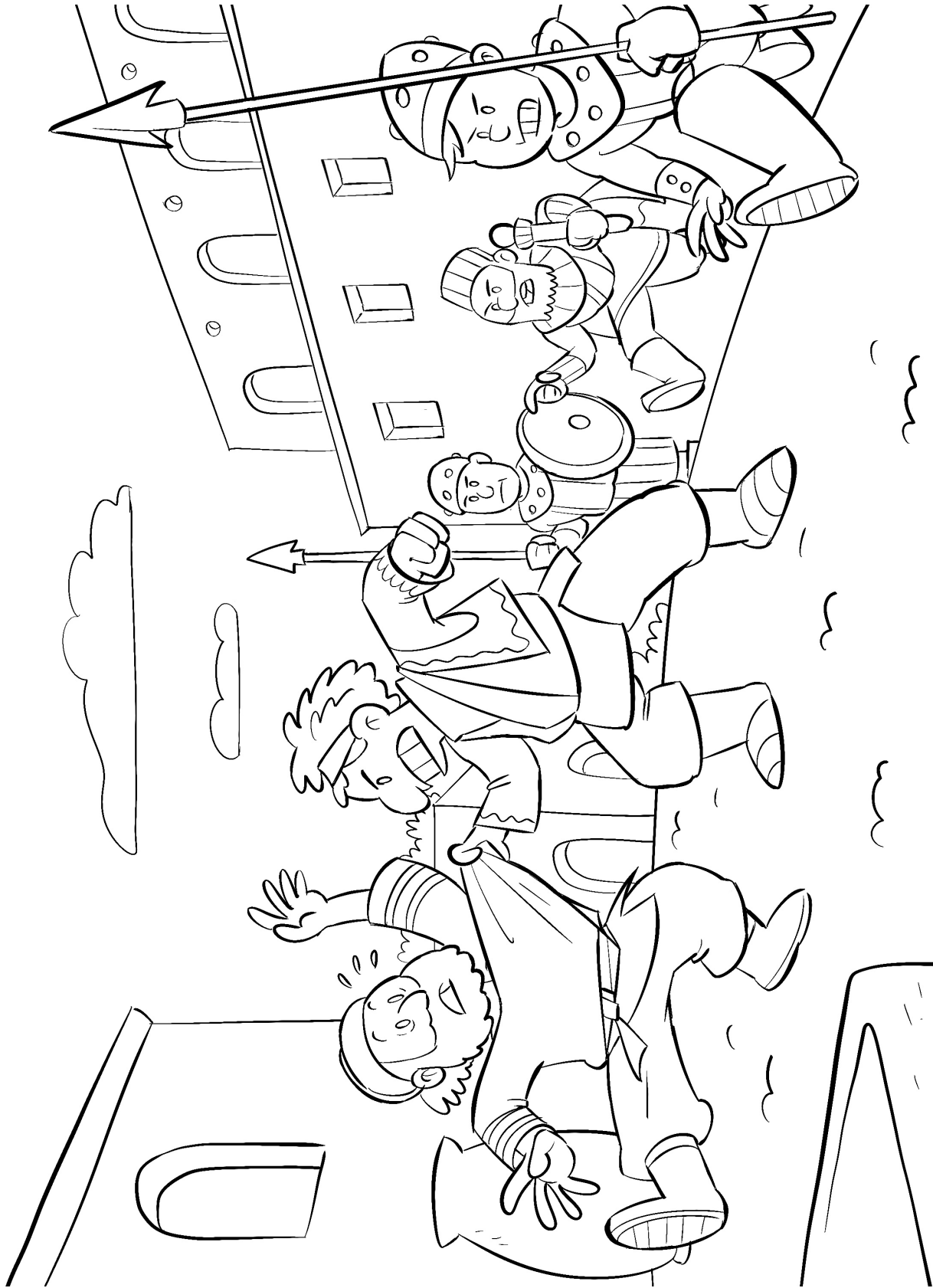
Print either or both the Bible Story and Memory Verse Printable. This will help remind you of the Big Idea for today and also our monthly memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE | Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

- **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."**

INSTRUCTIONS: Practice this month's memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) by watching the video from the Proclaim presentation (or from the device in your room's document saved feature).





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