



LESSON PLAN

SERIES: FORGIVENESS

THE POINT: FORGIVENESS FOR EVERYONE

BIBLE STORY: JESUS AND THE CRIMINAL

AGE: GRADE 3 - GRADE 6

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand the story of Jesus and the criminals on the cross.
- Learn that Jesus offers forgiveness and salvation to all who turn to him in faith.

AVAILABLE MATERIALS

- Link Show video
- Craft / activity
- Discussion questions

MEMORY VERSE

2 Peter 3:9B - In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of Jesus and the criminals on the cross is found in Luke 23:32-43. It recounts the events that occurred as Jesus was crucified between two criminals. One of the criminals mocked Jesus, but the other rebuked him, acknowledging their own guilt and Jesus' innocence. He then asked Jesus to remember him when he came into his kingdom. Jesus responded by assuring the repentant criminal that he would be with him in paradise that very day.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What can we learn about Jesus, when he forgave the criminal on the cross? How does his act of forgiveness inspire us to show compassion and mercy to others?
2. How do you think the criminal felt when Jesus forgave him, even though he deserved the punishment he was receiving? Have you ever experienced forgiveness when you didn't deserve it? How did it impact you?
3. Jesus showed incredible love and grace by forgiving the criminals, even in his own suffering. How can we follow Jesus' example of forgiveness in our own lives? How does forgiving others reflect God's love and mercy towards us?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

Just as Jesus offered forgiveness to the repentant criminal on the cross, he offers forgiveness to each one of us. No matter what we have done, if we turn to Jesus in faith and ask for forgiveness, he will forgive us. Let's remember this story and always be ready to turn to Jesus for forgiveness and salvation. Let's also strive to show forgiveness and love to others, just as Jesus has shown to us.

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your student support network.

LESSON WRAP-UP

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@linkkids.com.au