

## Main Point: God wants us to Forgive Each Other

### LESSON

Today we're going to learn about how important it is to forgive each other.

How many of you have had someone apologize to you? (Show of hands) That's right. We all have.

How many of you have had to apologize and ask someone's forgiveness? (Show of hands) Yes, we all have.

When we hurt people, it feels better to apologize and be forgiven. It the relationship with that person better again.

Who is one person we have all had to apologize to? (Pick one to answer: God).

We have all sinned and need to apologize to God. He sent His son to die for our sins and forgives us.

Well, just like God forgives us through Christ, His Son, He wants us to forgive each other.

A lot of times we don't want to apologize. It's not easy and it usually isn't any fun.

But God wants us to forgive each other just like any other thing we need to do like cleaning our room or helping around the house.

Jesus even told his disciples to forgive someone 77 times if they apologize (Matthew 18:22).

Who thinks they would be tired of forgiving after 77 times? (Show of hands). I would be too.

But how many times have we sinned and needed God's forgiveness? (Pick one to answer: MANY times). He forgives us and we should forgive each other.

Just as it says in the Bible in...

#### **Ephesians 4:32**

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, as in Christ, God forgave, forgive each other."

## TRANSITION & VIDEO

So let's practice apologizing and forgiving. Everyone get up and shake hands with 5 people (Vary the number based on the size of your group. If you have time, make the "goal" be to apologize/forgive each person in the class).

Apologize to them and accept their forgiveness and when apologize, forgive them too.

Once you have apologized and forgiven 5 people, sit down so we know you are forgiven and can see how Booples learned to forgive each other.

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

From the video, who knows...

1. What did Doodle do to Tootle?  
(Squashed her cake and popped her balloon).

2. Even though it was an accident, did he apologize? (Yes)

3. Did she forgive him? Why was it so hard? (Because she was thinking of herself and didn't feel like forgiving him.)

4. What did Bah share with them? (Eph. 4:32, That we should obey even if we don't feel like it, We should think of others as sisters and brothers)

5. Who is our great example of forgiving that we should be like? (God!)

He forgives us through Jesus and we should forgive others. So when someone needs forgiveness and apologizes to you, remember to forgive each other!

(Bible quotations taken from NIV).