

Forgiveness  
Children's Lesson  
Greenfield Church of Christ

What types of things make you sad? It makes me sad when people don't want to talk with me. It makes me sad when my friends aren't playing nicely, and it makes me sad when people take toys from me. Do you think it makes God sad? Yes, it does make God sad, but God always chooses to forgive others and He wants us to forgive others too. Sometimes our friends do things that we don't like, and although these things can make us sad we can forgive them. What does forgiveness mean? Forgiveness means that we are no longer angry.

The Bible says: "Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times," (Matthew 18:21-22, ESV).

This means that we keep forgiving people even when they keep hurting our feelings. Forgiveness helps us to be happy, it allows us to have something called peace. Peace means that we are free from anger. Jesus can help us to forgive others, when you are frustrated you can pray that Jesus can help you in the situation.

**Questions:**

- Who forgives us?
- Who helps you to forgive others?
- What does forgiveness bring?

You are loved, Ms. Shantelle

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### Find the Hidden Message

Directions: using the gameboard below cross out every third letter to reveal a hidden message. Then fill in the letters in the answer box at the bottom of the page.

Start

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Y	F	O	U	H	W	O
P	B	O	K	L	U	Q
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Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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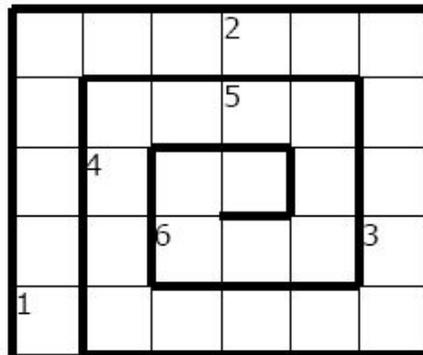
In today's craft, you will need a parent to help you trace both of your hands. Cut a piece of construction paper into a strip and glue your hands on the ends of the paper strip. Cut a circle, or use a small paper plate to draw your face. You could

even add yarn for hair! This hugging craft reminds us to forgive others and to always love others.

## Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" Matthew 18:21 (NLT)

Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



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| 1. A male who has the same parents as another person | 4. To break God's law              |
| 2. The number equal to $4 + 3$                       | 5. One of Jesus' disciples         |
| 3. To excuse someone for an offense                  | 6. To seek an answer to a question |

ASK PETER	SEVEN SIN	BROTHER FORGIVE
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