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KIDS' WISDOM

# A Friendly Thing Called Forgiveness

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## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.) The*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

## Slide: Series Intro

Before we get into our lesson today, I want to ask you a question. Who knows what the word "revenge" means? (allow kids to answer). Those are some good thoughts. Revenge is wanting to be mean back to someone who has been mean to us. We want to even the score. Do you think revenge is a good or bad thing? (allow kids to answer). Do you think God wants us to seek revenge? (allow kids to answer). You're right, God doesn't want us to seek revenge, he wants us to do something even harder. He wants us to forgive people when they hurt us.

We'll talk about that some more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing a song together.

## Song

*You Are God*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:*

*We should forgive others because Jesus forgives us. (Repeat)*

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What does forgiveness mean? (not getting paybacks)
- Who has forgiven us? (Jesus)
- True or False: A good friend forgives. (T)

I bet everyone in this room can think of a friend that has really hurt your feelings. Maybe they were rude or left you out at recess. Now, our first reaction to that might be to get revenge and find a way to get them back. But, that's not what God wants us to do. He wants us to choose not to get paybacks and be willing to give that friend a second chance. Choosing to forgive is really hard but that's a way to make friends, not lose them.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Whoever forgives (arms extended straight out) someone's sin (thumbs down) makes a friend, but gossiping (cup hands around mouth) about the sin breaks up (thumbs down) friendships  
Proverbs 17:9(Repeat)

When we choose to forgive, we will end up with more friends, not less. Everyone makes mistakes, including us, so we need to choose to forgive. And, here's the really important thing to remember about forgiveness. Jesus modeled forgiveness for us when he chose to die for our sins. The Bible says that we all have a sin problem that makes us disrespect God and to do things our own way instead of his way. But, Jesus still chose to forgive us even though we didn't deserve it. So, kids, be like Jesus and choose to forgive.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*Happy Day*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

We should forgive others because Jesus forgives us **(Repeat)**

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

*Pray and dismiss.*