

FORGIVENESS

Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

Activity #1 : Make Me Laugh

What You Need: "Make Me Laugh" Activity Page (below)

What You Do:

- Tell the kids you are going to tell some jokes, but they have to try not to laugh.
- Guide kids to form a straight line facing you.
- Read the jokes from the Activity Page.
- If kids laugh, they are out. The last serious kid standing is the winner.
- Play again if time allows, and see if the kids have any jokes of their own.

What You Say:

"Those were so hilarious! It is so hard being serious when everyone else is laughing and having fun. It almost feels like you are missing out on the joke. There are some things you don't want to miss out on. Our Bible story today tells us about someone who missed out.

Make Me Laugh Activity Page- JOKES

1. Q: What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping? A: A dino-snore!
2. Q: Why did the kid cross the playground? A: To get to the other slide!
3. Q: Why did the cookie go to the hospital? A: Because he felt crummy
4. Q: What did the little corn say to the mama corn? A: Where is the pop corn?
5. Q: How do we know that the ocean is friendly? A: It waves!
6. Q: Why can't Elsa have a balloon? A: Because she will let it go
7. Q: How do you make an octopus laugh? A: With ten-tickles

8: Knock knock! Who's there?

Doughnut

Doughnut who?

Doughnut ask me, I just got here!

9. Q: Why did they quit giving tests at the zoo? A: It was full of cheetahs
10. Q: What do you call a cow that eats your grass? A: A lawn moo-er!

Activity #2 Read the Bible Story from Luke 15:11-24

Read to or with your child.

Activity #3- Play the Video - Week 5

What you need:

Video online at www.myrtlegrovebaptist.com/children

Activity #4: Blocking the Fun

What You Need:

stackable items such as Mega Bloks[®], LEGO[®] blocks, plastic cups, or books

What You Do:

- Be your child's partner and have them hold their arms out while you stack items onto their arms. Stack so it is hard for them to move without dropping
- Play some music and tell the kids holding blocks to try and dance.
- Give them a few minutes to try and dance holding the blocks.
- If you are brave switch partners and give them a chance to stack the blocks on you and you dance. (or let them try again)

"Let's think about some times this might happen to us. Maybe you're so mad that your little brother tore up your favorite book that you scream at him, get in trouble with your parents, and miss out on a play date with your best friend. Or maybe you're so upset that your mom forgot she had a meeting when she had promised you would have family movie night tonight, and you spend the whole evening pouting and thinking mean thoughts about her instead of simply enjoying spending time with the rest of your family. Or what if you don't get that really expensive gift you wanted for your birthday, so you refuse to play with the toys you DID get and won't talk to anyone at your party? Remember that **[Bottom Line] when you don't forgive, you miss out.**"

[Make It Personal] (Tell a child-appropriate story about a time when you missed out on celebrating because you didn't forgive. Share about how that made you feel and how you eventually came around.)