

Forgive & Forget

MEMORY VERSE:

Ephesians 4:32, "...forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you..." (KJV)

TAKE HOME POINT:

Forgive people and forget the past.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

There are five points in this lesson.

1. Bad things happen to everyone.
2. If somebody hurts us or sins against us we need to forgive them.
3. We need to forget the past.
4. It helps us to forgive others.
5. The Holy Spirit will help us forgive others.

Bad things happen to everybody. God doesn't cause bad things to happen, they are a part of life. Sometimes strangers will be mean to us. Sometimes people we love will say or do hurtful things. Sometimes bad things just happen.

If somebody hurts us or sins against us we need to forgive them just like Father God has forgiven us. This can be really hard, but we need to remember that Jesus died for those people that sinned against us. When I think about it, Jesus already paid the price for their sin, then I don't want to make them pay for their sin against me.

We need to forget the past. The Apostle Paul said, "But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Don't let other people's sin slow you down. Forget about the past, pick yourself up and keep running your race.

It helps us when we forgive others. God tells us to forgive others because unforgiveness will mess up your life.

- Unforgiveness will hinder your prayer life (Mark 11:25-26)
- It's difficult to receive forgiveness for your sins when you are flowing in unforgiveness. (Matthew 18:23-35)



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- Unforgiveness is a sin that will slow you down.

The Holy Spirit will help you to forgive others. Admittedly forgiving others can be hard to do, especially if somebody hurt you that you trusted and loved. The good news is that you don't have to do it by yourself. Even if it seems impossible, the Holy Spirit will help you forgive others.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #6
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Forgive people and forget the past
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Ephesians 4:32, "...forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you..." (KJV)
_____	8. Drama:	Detective Drake: "The Great Forgiveness Mystery"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	How Hard Is Your Heart?
_____	10. Short Film:	Butterfinger
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	The Biggest Bubble Contest
_____	12. Altar Call for Unforgiveness	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	

MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero

Agape: Episode #6

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question **“What is the Bottom Line?”** Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question **“What is the Memory Verse?”** Again words pop up one at a time.

- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



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DRAMA

***Detective Drake:
"The Great Forgiveness Mystery"***

TAKE HOME POINT: When you forgive learn to forget.

CHARACTERS: Detective Drake

PROPS: Cell Phone

DRAMA SKIT:

(Detective Drake enters in a very confident and assertive manner.)

DD: (Approaches the teacher) Alright, what's the big idea?

Teacher: Detective Drake! What are you doing here?

DD: Getting to the bottom of some very fishy business!

Teacher: Fishy business?

DD: HA! So you DO know what I am talking about!

Teacher: (Confused) Uh...

DD: Where were you at approximately seven thirty p.m. last night?

Teacher: I was... (Thinks) I was having dinner with my wife.

DD: (Eyes him suspiciously) Which restaurant?

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Detective Drake: "The Great Forgiveness Mystery" Drama Script — continued

Teacher: The Onion Garden. They have a delicious chicken fettuccini that they serve with a... (Cut off by Detective Drake)

DD: (Points an accusing finger in the teacher's face.) SO YOU ARE GUILTY! I knew it!

Teacher: Guilty? Of what?

DD: Is it or is it not true that a man in a red shirt with a black tie was sitting at the table to the left of yours?

Teacher: I don't remember!

DD: (Very suspicious) Very likely story...

Teacher: There were a lot of people at the restaurant last night. I honestly don't remember a guy with a black shirt and red tie.

DD: (Snappy) It was a red shirt with a black tie!

Teacher: See! I obviously don't remember.

DD: Considering the circumstances, it is very unlikely that you would forget this man, unless you are LYING!

Teacher: I guess it doesn't really matter whether or not you believe me because I know that I am not lying.

DD: You honestly don't remember the man in the red shirt with a black tie who stood up too quickly and bumped into a waitress, who then spilled a family platter of spaghetti and meatballs all over you!

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Detective Drake: "The Great Forgiveness Mystery" Drama Script — continued

Teacher: Oh... That guy. (Laughs) I'd forgotten about that.

DD: (Eyes the teacher and paces in front of him) Very suspicious. Very suspicious indeed! Isn't it convenient? A man in a red shirt and a black tie ruins your evening with your wife, and you conveniently forget about him. But I have to ask myself one question here. (Stops pacing and points at the teacher.) What is your true motive? Vindication!

Teacher: Vindi-what?

DD: Revenge! You pretend to forget about the whole thing, so when you get your revenge, no one will ever suspect the forgetful teacher! But luckily, I saw right through your game!

Teacher: It wasn't a game. I just forgave and forgot.

DD: You don't need to pretend with me anymore. I have you and all of your kind figured out. It makes me sick!

Teacher: Detective Drake, I am not seeking revenge against the man in the black shirt with the purple socks.

DD: (Snappy) Red shirt! Black tie!

Teacher: Red shirt! Black shoes. Whatever. It doesn't matter. I don't remember, because I forgave him. Love always forgives!

DD: (Laughs) That's a good cover. Maybe it will help you when you are in court!

Teacher: It's not a cover! You are a Christian, aren't you?

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Detective Drake: "The Great Forgiveness Mystery" Drama Script — continued

DD: (Proudly) I am.

Teacher: Then you know that God is love, and the perfect example of how we should love, right?

DD: Right.

Teacher: And when you accept Jesus as your Lord, God forgives all of your sins.

DD: (Eyes the teacher suspiciously) All of them?

Teacher: Every one of them, and it would not be fair for us to have all of our sins forgiven and not forgive others when they do things to us.

DD: (Suddenly very nervous) Oh. Well I've got to go take care of some very urgent business. But I'm gonna keep my eye on you! (Pulls out phone and dials) (He speaks into the phone as he makes his way to the exit) Hey, Wally. You know that lady we threw in jail? (Pause) Yeah, the one who forgave the kids that rode their bikes through her flowers. Well, we'd better let her go.

The End



OBJECT LESSON

How Hard Is Your Heart?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Ezekiel 36:26

TAKE HOME POINT:

God wants us to have a tender, forgiving heart.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- One rock (size of your fist)
- Duct tape
- One stick of butter
- One Butterfinger candy bar

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Buy enough Butterfingers to give everyone one.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

(Hold the rock in your hand.)

Does anybody here have a hard heart? Have you ever hardened your heart toward somebody? Maybe your friend said some mean words like, "You're ugly!" (Put a piece of duct tape on the rock. Write the word "Ugly" on it with a Sharpie.)

After that you pulled away from your friend. You thought that they were not really your friend anymore. You just hardened your heart toward your friend.

Maybe one of your friends stole one of your toys. (Write the word "Stole" on a piece of duct tape and stick it on the rock.) So you think, "I don't like them anymore. They are not my friend."

Has this ever happened to you? The truth is that bad things happen all the time. People do things that they shouldn't do. People will sin against you and me so we need to be ready

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How Hard Is Your Heart? Object Lesson — Continued

to deal with it. Does God want us to have hard hearts? No. He wants us to have soft and forgiving hearts. (Take the duct tape off of the rock and smear butter on the rock.)

When people say mean words to us like “You’re ugly,” He wants it to slide off us like butter. (Try to stick the duct tape to the rock. It won’t stick because of the butter.)

If someone steals from us we choose to forgive them. Forget the past and let it go. (Try to stick the duct tape to the rock, but it won’t stick because of the butter.)

We know that bad things will happen sometimes. Our feelings will get hurt. So guard your heart by being ready to forgive people. We let bad things slide right off of us like butter.

Jesus not only died for my sins, He died for those that sinned against me. When I think about that it softens my heart toward that person. (Smear more butter on the rock.) It helps me to forgive the person that hurt me. Jesus already paid the price for their sin, so I don’t need to make them pay.

(Hold up the Butterfinger candy bar.) At the end of class I am going to give everybody a fun-size Butterfinger. When you get your Butterfinger I want you to say this:

“When people hurt me, I forgive them. I let it slide off of me like butter.”

Have everyone say it right now. “When people hurt me, I forgive them. I let it slide off of me like butter.”

**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON**

The Biggest Bubble Contest

▶ WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

It is hard to forgive others when they pop your bubble, but the Holy Spirit will help you.

▶ WHAT YOU NEED:

4 pieces of bubble gum

▶ INSTRUCTIONS:

- Select two 5th Graders as Contestants (one boy and one girl).
- Give each Contestant 2 pieces of bubble gum.
- Ask them to chew the bubble gum and then whoever blows the biggest bubble will win.
- While the contest is going on ask one of your helpers to sneak up and pop the boy's bubble (with their finger). (You will want to communicate this ahead of time.)
- (You may want to tell the 5th Grade boy ahead of time too.)
- Once the boy's bubble is popped, immediately declare the girl the winner. Be ready for some verbal abuse like, "No fair!", "You Cheated!" etc.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

I know that Joe popped Tommy's bubble, but that is just part of the game. Sometimes in life people will pop your bubble. Sometimes good friends will say things that they shouldn't. Boys, do you think that you can forgive Joe for popping Tommy's bubble? I know it is hard to do. Tommy lost the contest because of what Joe did. But we still need to forgive him and forget the past. We can't let a popped bubble slow us down in our walk with God. Here is what happens if we don't forgive Joe. Our prayers will be hindered (Mark 11:24). Also, God can't forgive our sins if we don't forgive the people that have sinned against us. Is that worth it? For a popped bubble? I don't think so. We need to forgive Joe, forget the past and get on with our life. I know it is hard to forgive. Sometimes it seems impossible. But the good news is that the Holy Spirit will help you. You don't have to do it by yourself.

Now is a good time to have the kids bow their heads and give an altar call for anyone that is holding unforgiveness in their heart.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Ephesians 4:32 says, “ _____, even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven you.”
 - a. **Forgiving one another**
 - b. Loving one another
 - c. Hating one another
 - d. Blessing one another
2. God causes bad things to happen to everybody.
 - a. True
 - b. **False**
 - c. Maybe
 - d. Sometimes
3. The Apostle Paul said _____.
 - a. Eat a good breakfast
 - b. **Forgetting those things that are behind**
 - c. Run really fast if you get behind
 - d. Don’t forget to do your homework
4. What should you do if a friend says words that hurt you?
 - a. Tell your teacher
 - b. Tell everybody what they did
 - c. Say mean words back to them
 - d. **Forgive them and forget about it**
5. Jesus died for my sins and _____.
 - a. the sins of my dog
 - b. Batman’s sins
 - c. **the sins of those people who sinned against me**
 - d. the sins of Sponge Bob



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Detective Drake: "The Great Forgiveness Mystery" — Pages 5-8

Characters

_____ Detective Drake

Props

_____ Cell phone

Object Lesson: How Hard Is Your Heart? — Pages 9-10

_____ One rock (size of your fist)

_____ Duct tape

_____ One stick of butter

_____ One Butterfinger candy bar

Inter-Active Lesson: The Biggest Bubble Contest — Page 11

_____ 4 pieces of bubble gum

Small Group Club: What Are You Carrying Around

_____ A backpack (*You could also use a paper bag instead of a backpack*)

_____ 4 large books - each book should have a piece of paper taped to the outside with these 4 sayings on them: "left me out", "made fun of me", "talked behind my back", "called me a name".

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed

FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:

- *Fun-sized Butterfinger candy bars (if you have the resources, purchase enough for every child).*