



Series Overview: We all love a throwback, and this series will give us just that. It will remind us that there are things that take us back to a moment in time, but other things that are timeless! Kids will travel through the decades and see that the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels are forever. As we hear from Jesus, we'll see it's always good to be humble, we can always forgive, Jesus is always fair, and love always needs action.

Bible Story: The Unforgiving Servant: Matthew 18:23–35

Big Idea: We can always forgive.

Series Memory Verse: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever."
-Hebrews 13:8

Lesson Guide:

1. Dance and sing with your child to these songs.

- [Count on Jesus | Bible Adventure Worship | LifeKids \(youtube.com\)](#)
- <https://youtu.be/LO-2fm7IKcU?si=XYhxUC9tcDtLuSKB>
- [Love In Action | HTBB Family Worship \(youtube.com\)](#)

2. Show this video to teach the Bible story.

- [TeachingVideo2 ThrowBack Preschool GrowKids on Vimeo](#)

3. Review the Bible story like this:

***Supplies: Bible**

- Open the Bible to Matthew 18 and show your family where today's story comes from.
- Ask the following questions to review the story...
- How did the king forgive the man who owed him money? *He said the man didn't have to pay back the money he borrowed.*
- What did this man do when he met someone else who owed him money? *He did not forgive him. He demanded the money be paid back.*
- How did the king feel when he heard about this? *Angry. The man should have forgiven his friend like the king forgave him.*
- What does it mean to forgive? *It means to not stay mad at someone or try to get back at them when they do something wrong that hurts you.*
- Who always forgives you? *God!*
- How does God ask us to forgive others? *(Ephesians 4:32...the same way that Jesus forgives us!)*

4. Practice the April Memory Verse like this:

***Supplies = a Bible, music player, and chairs**

- Look up Hebrews 13:8 in the Bible and read it to your family.
- Help the kids learn the verse and teach these motions to go along with it.
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- Play musical chairs with your family.
- Have them say the memory verse together for you to start the music for each round.
- At the end of each round, bring a chair to whoever doesn't get one and say, "we forgive you," and let them have a seat.
- Have whoever is in that extra seat help you lead everyone in saying the verse again.
- Then take the extra chair away and play again.
- Point out to your family that since Jesus never changes, we can know for sure that He still offers us forgiveness today and that He still wants us to forgive others!

5. PRAY WITH THE YOUR FAMILY!