

Forgiveness (beads)

Lesson Idea:

Matthew 18:21-22

'Then Peter came to Him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

Jesus wants us to choose to forgive others over and over again. This lesson demonstrates to children that Jesus has forgiven us so many times, so we must forgive others in the same way, over and over.

Items needed:

- A clear jar
- A long string of round beads

Game instructions:

1. Explain to the kids the verse in Matthew 18 and how it does not literally mean the sum of 7x70 times, but that rather Jesus was teaching them that we need to forgive over and over again.
2. Then explain to the children how each bead represents a time when they need to forgive someone. We must not just forgive them once, or twice (point to the first few individual beads)
3. We must forgive over and over again (Let go of the beads hanging out of the jar, and the rest will quickly follow, falling out on their own.)

Link to video demonstration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A33o9fmTPYg>