



Faith Adventures for Children Together

Committed to URC Children Together:
enabling everyone to grow more like Jesus
together in the home, church and beyond.

For guidance on the purpose of the resource and
how to use it as a launch pad for your engagement
with children and families, please use this link:

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Experience

For this story we recommend using the Easy to Read version

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8%3A+1-11&version=ERV>

Where can I find the story online?

Under fives: Bible Kids: <https://youtu.be/cHcLWuApkug>

Over fives: iBelieveBible https://youtu.be/i3Esj_1EPu4

Songs to support the story

Under fives: Forgive one another – Bible Talk for Kids https://youtu.be/oBrqvjY6_KU

Over fives: You forgive me by Lifetree Kids <https://youtu.be/LO-2fm7IKcU>

Older: Forgiveness by Matthew West <https://youtu.be/h1Lu5udXEZ>

Explore

Ideas and activities to explore this week's Bible passage together

A way to explore the story

Don't hold a grudge

Use this game illustration to explore the idea of holding a grudge, and how it effects the grudge holder.

You will need A4 sheets of paper with a 'wrongdoing' written on each. Make some 'wrongdoings' bigger than others, e.g. told a lie, called me a name, didn't play with me, hit me and so on. Fold them in half so they cannot be read.

Have some activities in the room that they enjoy doing, e.g. colouring, getting a snack, games etc.

Put the group into pairs, one member of the pair being A and the other being B.

Explain to the group that A has done or said something that upset B and it's written on this piece of paper. Hand out the folded papers to B and tell them not to open it until the end.

B must hold the piece of paper on A's back all the time and never let it go.

Now A and B can have 10 mins to go and do whatever they would like in the room. But remember B must continue to hold the paper against the back of A and not let it slip.

Allow 10 mins or so for the group to go and do some activities.

When the time is up, explain that B can now read the paper.

Ask the following questions to encourage a conversation about holding grudges and forgiveness.

- Did you all enjoy your activities or snack? Who found it easier? Why couldn't B always go and do what they wanted? (because they were too busy holding the paper against the back of A)
- Who was most affected by the task, A or B?
- What could this activity show us about holding grudges against people?
- What else are you left wondering about?



Modern parables

Jesus used stories to help people understand the things of God, even though they weren't necessarily overtly Christian stories. Lots of children's books can be used in a similar way as a conversation starter on the week's theme. Examples are shared here but you may think of others too.

'Pip and Posy – The Super Scooter' by Axel Scheffler

Read by Barnes Children's Literature Festival



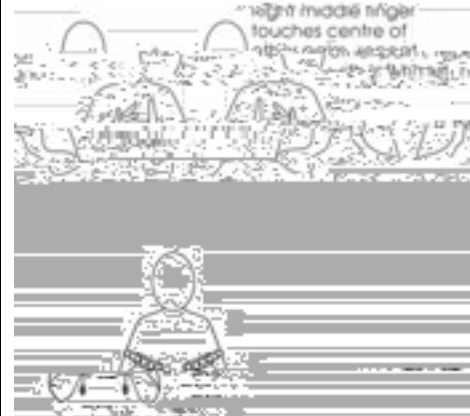
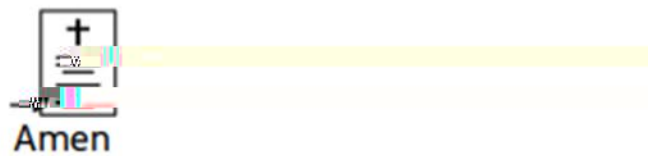
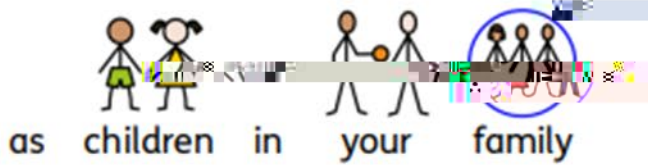
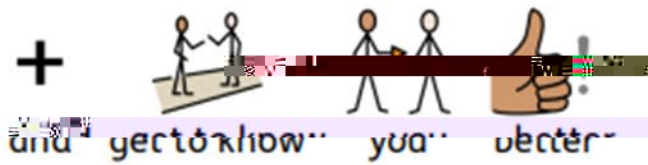
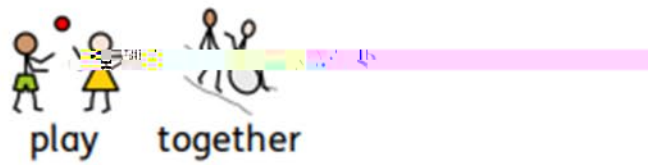
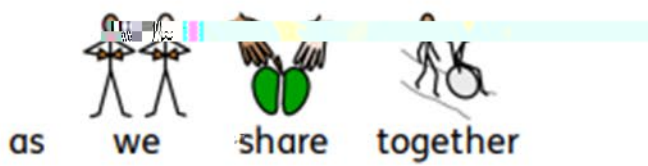
After the set time (probably around 10 mins), stop the group and ask them to show how they got on. Have a go at checking whether the words have completely vanished, for example if someone used paper, rubbing a pencil over might show where the words were. Or holding the item under a bright light or up to the window might show a faint mark left.

Discuss how difficult it was to totally remove the words and what might have made the difference. You could lead into some of the wondering questions or follow where the conversation naturally flows.

Everyday with Jesus – Walking the Way

What could we do this week to carry on what we've learned? Maybe members of the group could come up with a suggestion. If not, get them to choose from these two challenges:

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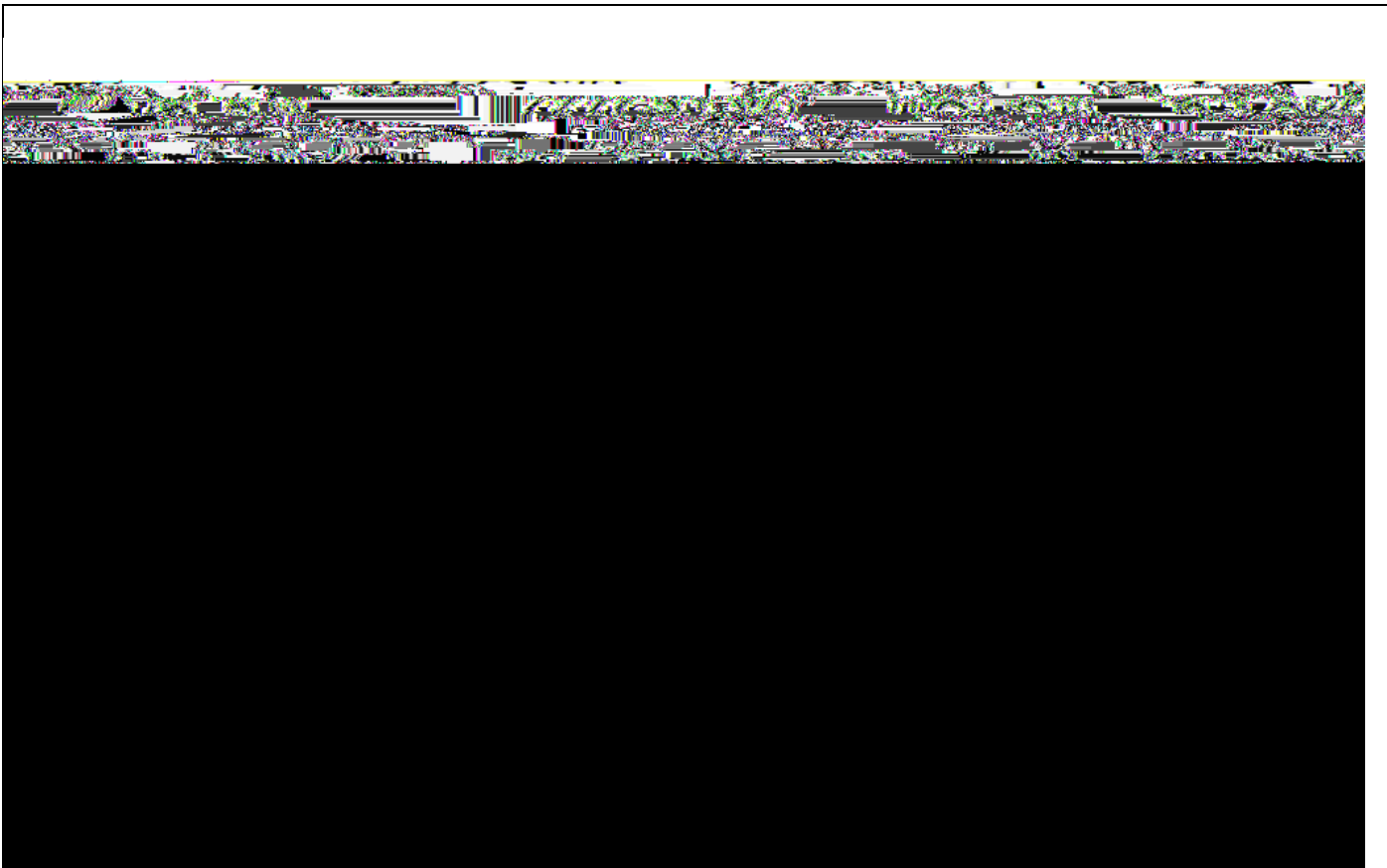


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