



MATTHEW 18; LUKE 10

Apr 15-21

INVITE SHARING

Ask the children to share how they celebrated Jesus Christ's Atonement for Easter.

TEACH THE DOCTRINE

- Click here for the "[Younger Children's](#) Program



- Click here for the "[Older Children's](#)" Program

ENCOURAGE LEARNING AT HOME



- Invite the children to share with their family their goal to be like the good Samaritan this week.

- **Our Closing Prayer will be given by**

- **(Enter name here)**



THE END

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- Teachers should refer to the manual, scriptures and other resources when preparing and conducting the lesson.

YOUNGER PROGRAM

I SHOULD ALWAYS FORGIVE OTHERS.

- As you read [Matthew 18:21–35](#), consider your own experiences with forgiveness and what the children need to know about this principle.



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JESUS TAUGHT ME TO SEE ALL PEOPLE AS MY NEIGHBORS AND LOVE THEM.

- The parable of the good Samaritan is a memorable story that can show children who our neighbors are. Think of ways you can inspire the children to “go, and do ... likewise” ([Luke 10:37](#)).

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OLDER PROGRAM

HEAVENLY FATHER WILL FORGIVE ME AS I FORGIVE OTHERS.

As children get older, forgiving may get harder. The parable of the unmerciful servant can be a memorable way to teach them that Heavenly Father wants us to forgive everyone.

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- Possible Activity 'A'
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- Possible Activity 'D'
- Possible Activity 'E'
- Possible Activity 'F'

I CAN LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NEED.

- Ponder times in your own life when someone has been “a good Samaritan” to you. How can you inspire children to be “good Samaritans” to others?

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YOUNGER POSSIBLE 1

I SHOULD ALWAYS FORGIVE OTHERS. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'A'

- Read Matthew 18:21, and invite the children to say “I forgive you” seven times. Ask, “Is forgiving seven times enough?” Read verse 22 and explain that Jesus wants us to choose to forgive always.

I SHOULD ALWAYS FORGIVE OTHERS. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'B'

- Tell the parable of the unmerciful servant (see [Matthew 18:23–35](#)). If necessary, explain that when someone does something unkind to us, we will probably feel angry or sad at first. But forgiveness means we can feel peace again. (You may feel prompted to help the children understand that if someone is hurting them, they should tell their parents or another trusted adult.)

I SHOULD ALWAYS FORGIVE OTHERS. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'C'

- Write *I forgive you* on the board, and tell the children that these words can help turn sad moments into happy ones. Draw a sad face on the board, and share some examples of children forgiving one another. After each example, invite a child to change the sad face to a happy one.

I SHOULD ALWAYS FORGIVE OTHERS. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'D'

- Sing with the children "Help Me, Dear Father," *Children's Songbook*, 99. Ask them to stand up when they hear the word *help*. Share your testimony that Heavenly Father will help us forgive others.

YOUNGER POSSIBLE 2

JESUS TAUGHT ME TO SEE ALL PEOPLE AS MY NEIGHBORS AND LOVE THEM. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'A'

- Ask each child, “Who is your neighbor?” Explain that Jesus taught that anyone who needs our help is also our neighbor, even if he or she doesn’t live nearby, and we should treat that person with love.

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POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'B'

- Read [Luke 10:25–37](#) as the children act out the parable of the good Samaritan, taking turns playing different roles. After each performance, ask them to share how they can be like the good Samaritan.

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POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'C'

- Write a few examples of situations where someone would need help, and hide the papers around the room. Ask the children to find the papers and explain how they could show kindness to the person in that situation.

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POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'D'

- Sing with the children “Jesus Said Love Everyone” and “Kindness Begins with Me,” *Children’s Songbook*, 61, 145. Divide the children into pairs, and invite each pair to think of a few ways they can show love or kindness to others. Ask each pair to share their thoughts with the class.

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POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'E'

- Invite the children to write down ways they can show love for others on small slips of paper. Make a paper chain from these slips and invite the children to hang the paper chain in their home, where it can remind them to be kind.

OLDER POSSIBLE 1

HEAVENLY FATHER WILL FORGIVE ME AS I FORGIVE OTHERS.- POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'A'

- Read [Matthew 18:23–35](#) with the children; explain that the lord or king represents Heavenly Father, the servant represents us, and the fellow servant represents those who offend us. Ask the children, “When have you found it difficult to forgive someone? How did you let go of those hurt feelings? When have you needed to be forgiven for a wrong choice?”

HEAVENLY FATHER WILL FORGIVE ME AS I FORGIVE OTHERS.-POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'B'

- Show the video “Forgive Every One Their Trespasses: The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant” ([LDS.org](https://www.lds.org)) to help the children visualize this parable.

HEAVENLY FATHER WILL FORGIVE ME AS I FORGIVE OTHERS.-POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'C'

- Write on the board the multiplication problem 70×7 , and help the children solve it. Ask someone to read [Matthew 18:21–22](#), and explain that Jesus used this number to teach us that we should always forgive.

HEAVENLY FATHER WILL FORGIVE ME AS I FORGIVE OTHERS.-POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'D'

- Give everyone a piece of paper, and invite the children to draw a picture of a child being unkind to another child. Then ask them to trade their papers with their neighbor and draw on the back of the new paper a way they can show forgiveness to others.

HEAVENLY FATHER WILL FORGIVE ME AS I FORGIVE OTHERS.-POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'E'

- Ask the children to help you think of a few situations where someone might need to forgive another person. Invite the children to act out how they would show forgiveness in those situations.

HEAVENLY FATHER WILL FORGIVE ME AS I FORGIVE OTHERS.-POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'F'

- Sing with the children "Help Me, Dear Father," *Children's Songbook*, 99. Help the children understand each line of the song and what it teaches us about forgiving others.

OLDER POSSIBLE 2

I CAN LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY
THOSE IN NEED.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'A'

- Assign each child part of the parable of the good Samaritan to draw. Invite them to put their pictures in order and use them to tell the story.

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- Explain to the children that the Jews disliked the Samaritans so much that when they traveled from Jerusalem to Galilee, they would go around Samaria to avoid interacting with any Samaritans (see Bible Maps, no. 1, “Physical Map of the Holy Land”). Why would Jesus use a Samaritan as an example of kindness in this parable? What does this story teach us about helping others in need? (See also [Mosiah 4:16–22](#).)

**I CAN LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY
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POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'C'**

- Ask the children to share an experience when someone was like the good Samaritan toward them.

I CAN LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NEED. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY 'D'

- Challenge the children to set a goal to be like the good Samaritan this week. For example, do they know someone who is sick or lonely? or someone who does not attend church regularly? Ask the children how they could help that person.

RESOURCES

REFERENCED SCRIPTURES