Ages Birth – 23 Months

Lesson 2
Extreme Sayings of Jesus

"Forgive Everyone"

The Point of the Lesson:

God forgives our mistakes and bad choices. We want each child to hear that Jesus tells us to forgive everyone, like he forgives us.

The Power of God's Word:

"Forgive everyone." Colossians 3:31a CEV

The Prayer of Each Child:

Dear Jesus, thank you always forgiving me. Please help me to accept and love my family, friends and everyone around me, especially when they are not nice to me. Amen.

The Lesson in a Word:

Always forgive!

Prepare: (Before Service)
Bubbles

Provide: (10 Minutes)
This is a time when children are checked into a classroom. New walkers and toddlers are provided with a choice to participate in learning center activities. Time is allowed at the end of this segment for classroom clean up, especially to make space on the story rug.

Promote: (25 Minutes)
At this time the children are guided to sit on a story blanket to get a cookie from the leader. This process includes 15 minutes for curriculum video, 5 minutes for story and verse, 2 minutes for the game, and 1 minute for prayer time.

(Bring in the snack from the cabinet.) It's Story Time. Come over to the story rug. It's time to sit down to watch our movie. Come sit down and have a cookie. Great job! (Pass out a cookie to every child and start the movie.)

Story:
(Hold up the Parent Handout so the children can see the picture and the leader can read the story on the back.) Today's Bible story is about a very special boy named Joseph.

There once was a servant who owed the king money.
He couldn't pay the bill and it wasn't funny!
The king called him in and said, "Take him to jail."
But the servant began to beg and to wail.

The king showed mercy and forgave the man's debt.
The servant went free, but it's not over yet.
The servant saw a man who owed him a nickel.
He said, "Pay me right now, or you'll be in a pickle."

The man couldn't pay, so to prison he went.
When the king heard the story, he was furiously bent.
The king told the servant, I treated you best.
You should have forgiven the man who owed less.
"Take him to jail!"

Memory Verse:
"Forgive everyone." Colossians 3:31a CEV

Video:
Turn on DVD and play Lesson Video here.

Game:
Sorry and a High Five

While sitting on the floor, say 'Jesus tells us to forgive everyone. But when we aren't nice, we need to say "Sorry." Let's practice! Everybody say, "Sorry" and then give a friend a hug.'

Pray:
It's hard to listen when we are looking around. So, when we pray we close our eyes and fold our hands. Let's play "Open - Shut Them" before we pray:

Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Give a little clap*.*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Open *(open hands),* ***Shut Them*** *(make a fist)*
Put them in your lap*.*

Dear Jesus, thank you always forgiving me. Please help me to accept and love my family, friends and everyone around me, especially when they are not nice to me. Amen.

Praise: (5 Minutes)
This is a time of classroom worship through singing and music. Plug in your own worship session here.

(Sing this song to the tune of: Mary Had A Little Lamb)
People are not always nice.
Sometimes they yell and shout.
But Jesus says to love them still,
And to forgive; not pout.

Play: (15 Minutes)
This section includes free playtime around the classroom. At this time the leaders will also check and change diapers of all the children.