

WEEK 2 SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

We can
always
forgive.

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The Unforgiving Servant:
Matthew 18:23–35; 1 John
3:1–7

QUESTIONS

What did the king do for the servant who owed ten thousand bags of gold? *The king canceled his debt and let him go.*

What did the first servant do to his fellow servant who owed one hundred silver coins? *He attacked him and sent him to prison.*

Why did the king hand the first servant over to the jailers? *The first servant didn't forgive a fellow servant even though he himself had been forgiven a huge debt.*

Read 1 John 3:1. How is it possible that we can be called children of God? *God loved us and gave us this right. God forgave our sins.*

Why can we always forgive?

ACTIVITY

Knowing that Jesus forgave us and continues to forgive, what are some things you can do to show forgiveness? Show [an image](#) of a 35mm camera and film. Give each kid a copy of the [printable](#). Level it up by printing on transparency film, and have kids draw with fine permanent markers.

People didn't have smartphones in the 90's so if you wanted to take photos, you would have to use a camera that contained a roll of film. Once you used up the entire roll, you would take it to a place where they would develop the photos from the film strips, or negatives. People held on to the negatives in case they wanted to print more copies of the photos.

When it comes to forgiveness though, we don't have to hold onto the negative things. In each of these film squares, **write or draw some things that will remind you of all the things we talked about today** (including those wild 90's trends!). Don't forget to add today's Big Idea in there: **We can always forgive.**

MEMORY VERSE: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
— Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

Scan the code for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

