

## **TUESDAY: UPPER ELEMENTARY SG GUIDE**

### **WHAT YOU NEED:**

- "Live It Out Field Guide" with "Merit Badge Stickers" coloring supplies; Inclusive
- Optional Supplies: Heart stickers

### **WHAT YOU ASK:**

- How is choosing to forgive someone, even when it's hard, a way of showing God's love and kindness?
- Think of a time someone truly forgave you for something you did wrong. How did that make you feel? How did that show God's love?
- When is it especially difficult to forgive someone who has hurt your feelings or done something wrong to you? Why do you think Jesus asks us to do it anyway?

### **WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid their "Live It Out Field Guide" from the previous day and a pen or pencil.
- Remind kids we can ask God to help us forgive one another. It's not always easy to forgive, but God understands everything we're going through and is always here to help us.
- Set out the pens or pencils.
  - Skip over Day 2...Explain that Day 2 is an extra day that they can work on at home)
  - Ask the kids to share some ideas for how they can forgive one another and show God's love, especially when it's hard. (For example: Choosing not to hold a grudge when someone bumps into you, saying "I forgive you" if a friend apologizes, letting go of anger when a sibling breaks your toy, etc.)
- Point out the second section in the guide where they can write a short prayer about how they can forgive one another.
- Give kids a few minutes to write down their prayer and pray silently.
- Encourage kids to share their responses, if they feel comfortable.
- Give each kid the second merit badge sticker to place on their guide.
- Explain that when kids see the hat, they can think of a time someone forgave them as a reminder to forgive others the way they want to be forgiven.

### **WHAT YOU PRAY:**

- "Dear Jesus, thank You for another amazing day! Help us live out the forgiveness that You show us to the world around us. When we are unsure or need help, remind us of the forgiveness Jesus showed so we can spread that same love to others so we can forgive one another. Amen."

**AS YOU FINISH:** Give each kid their "Live It Out Field Guide" and set aside for the next day.