



## PRESCHOOL

### JULY WEEK 3 – STARTER



#### Activity Name: Mending Broken Hearts

**What You Need:** ☐ ½ heart sets

#### What You Do:

- Gather kids together.
- Mix up all the half hearts in the center of the group.
- Say: Oh no! Look at all these broken hearts! Let's play a game to help put them back together.
- Encourage kids to find the two matching halves of each heart.

#### What You Say:

Forgiving is like putting a broken heart back together. Let's find the matching pieces.

You all jumped so far! Today in our Bible story, we'll hear a story Jesus told about a son who went far away from home. But the best part is what happened when he came home. Let's go get ready to hear all about it!

You put all the broken hearts back together! Forgiving others helps make our hearts feel whole and happy. In our story today, Jesus teaches us that God's kingdom grows when we forgive. Let's go hear our story!

**Lead your group to the Large Group area.**



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### JULY WEEK 3-SMALL GROUP

**MEMORY VERSE:** Open the Bible with action card inside. Say the verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.

Let's learn our brand-new Memory Verse. It tells us about God's kingdom, and it goes like this: 'Put God's *(point up with two hands)* kingdom *(make crown on head with hands)* first.' *(Hold up one finger.)* Matthew 6:33 *(open hands like a book).*

#### Activity Name: Forgiveness Crowns

**What You Need:** ☐ Bible with verse action card ☐ paper crowns ☐ heart stickers ☐ coloring supplies  
☐ tape or stapler

#### What You Do:

- Give each kid a crown and set of stickers.
- Encourage kids to decorate their crowns.
- Help fit each crown onto each kid's head to wear home.
- Connect the bottom line to the Bible story.

#### What You Say:

In our Bible Story, Jesus told a story about a king. The king was kind, and he forgave. God is kind, and God forgives us. God's kingdom grows when you forgive.

We are going to make our own crowns today. When you wear the crown, you can pretend to be the kind king!

Look at all the hearts! Hearts make us think of love! When we forgive, we show love. Friends, God's Kingdom grows when you forgive. Thank You, Jesus, for teaching us about God's kingdom and teaching us to forgive. **[Bottom Line] Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom.**