

## Kindergarten 1<sup>st</sup> Forgiveness Is in the Bag!

**What You Need:** “Friends Forgive One Another” bubbles (Activity Page), “Forgiveness Strips” Activity Pages, glue sticks, markers/crayons, scissors

### What You Do:

- Give each kid a brown lunch sack and a Bottom Line word bubble. Read the Bottom Line together. **[Bottom Line] Friends forgive one another.**
- Encourage the kids to glue the Bottom Line to the front of their lunch sack with the glue stick and decorate the bag with markers.
- Give each kid a “Forgiveness Strips” Activity Page and have them cut apart on the lines.
- Read the text on one of the strips aloud.
- Explain to kids that this is their “forgiveness bag” for the week.
- When a friend makes them angry or sad, and they don’t want to forgive, instruct kids to write that friend’s name in the blank on one strip and put it in the bag.
- Then, they can pray for that friend and ask God to help them forgive. They can store the strips in the bag for travel home.

### What You Say:

“Your forgiveness bags look great! This week, I can almost guarantee that you will have a disagreement with a friend. Maybe someone will say something they don’t mean, or push their way in front of you, or leave you out. When those things happen and you get frustrated or angry, I want you to write that friend’s name on the blank of one of your strips. Say a prayer and ask God to help you forgive that friend, then put the strip in the bag.

“At the end of the week, I want you to throw the strips away without looking at the names again. Remember that **[Bottom Line] friends forgive one another.** Instead of holding onto our anger or trying to pay back a friend who hurts us, let’s choose forgiveness instead. God will help us forgive, and He’s shown us how because He always forgives us!”

*NOTE: Leaders, forgiving friends is the right choice when someone says or does something unkind. But if a kid is being bullied or consistently hurt by someone who claims to be a friend, this is a completely different situation. Remind your kids to always tell a trusted adult when they need help. While we are called to love and forgive others, that doesn’t mean we need to remain in a friendship with someone who hurts us. That goes back to what we learned week one about choosing your friends carefully. For the majority of your kids, this will not be the case, but you know your few. If a kid expresses anything about a friend that sounds concerning to you, please share that information with a parent or guardian, or ask a church staff member for guidance if you don’t know the family well.*

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