

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Forgiving Others (Matthew 18)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Matthew 18: 15-22

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

Activity: The Magic Number

Theme: We need to display a forgiving heart.

Supplies: A deck of cards with numbers on them only (Uno cards work great)

Lesson:

How many times do you sin? How many times do you think God should forgive you? *(Let children respond)*
Sinning is a strange thing, we know we're doing it, yet we still do it.

Did you know that Jesus gave us a number of how many times we can be forgiven?

I'm going to pass out five cards to each of you and I want you to put down the card, or cards, that you believe add up to the number. (Pass out five cards, give the children a chance to look at them, then have them put down the card/s.)

That doesn't seem like very many times. Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

Jesus was telling Peter that we should always forgive others.

We have a very forgiving God. He sees us sinning, yet he understands we are trying our best to be good and obedient, so he forgives us. He doesn't have to, but he does because he loves us. This is what we mean by God's Grace. We are saved by the grace of God.

How many times do you want God to forgive you? That's how many times God wants you to forgive others.

We could add up all these cards and the number would still be too low for how often we should work to forgive others.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Father, Thank you for your love and the grace you show each time I sin. Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me. Amen

Video: PursueGod Kids: How Stuff Works <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deAoYWxrr0A>

Forgiveness is like giving someone a gift.

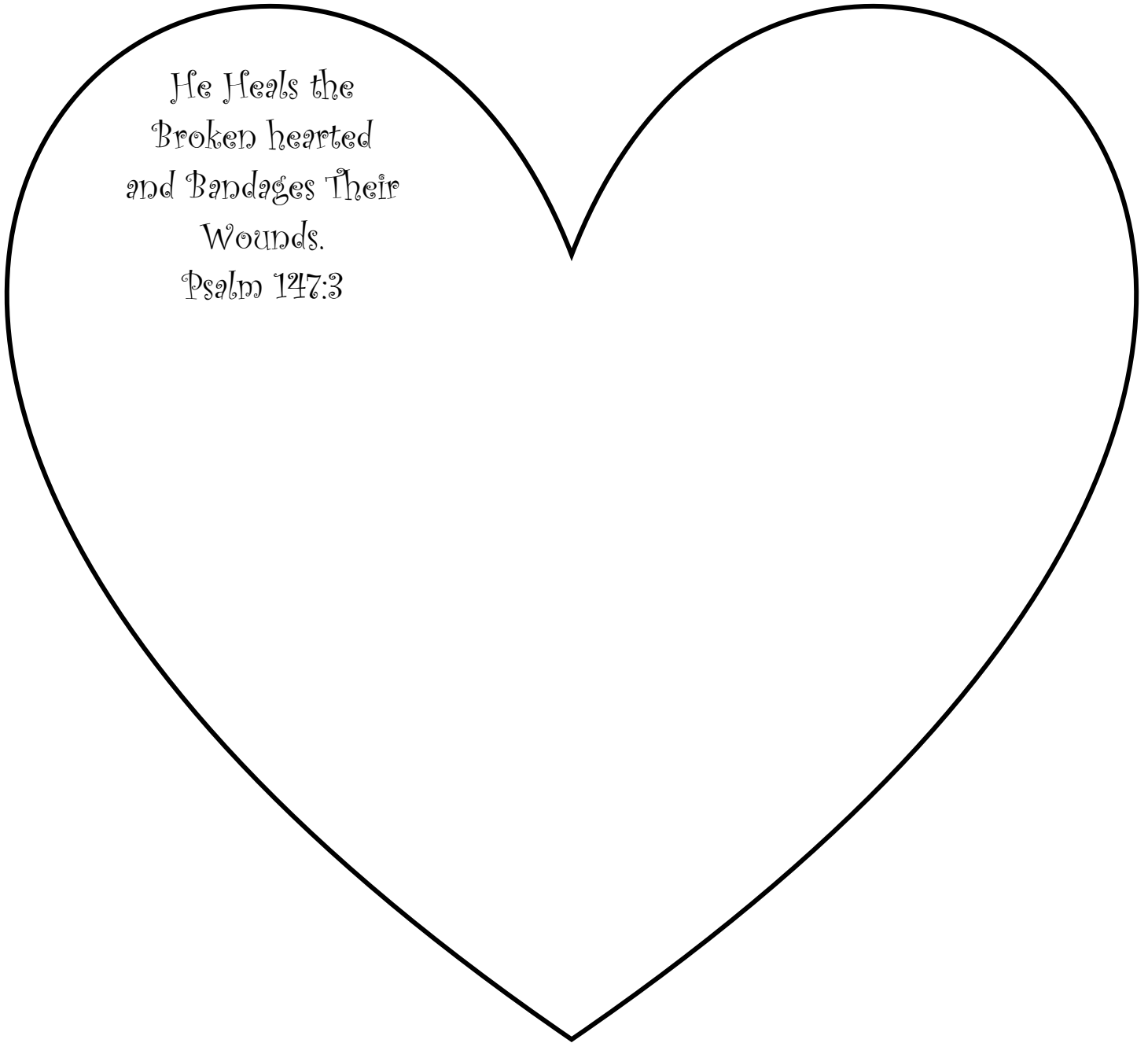
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Craft: First Aid Heart (Preschool)

Supplies: Crayons/markers, scissors, Band aids

Directions: Have children color the heart, then place two band aids in the center, in the shape of a cross.

He Heals the
Broken hearted
and Bandages Their
Wounds.
Psalm 147:3



Craft: Mending Heart

Supplies: Crayons/markers, scissors, needle/thread

Directions: Have children color the heart, then cut out, including the zigzag area. Use a needle and thread to loosely sew back and forth across the opening.



God Always Will Forgive

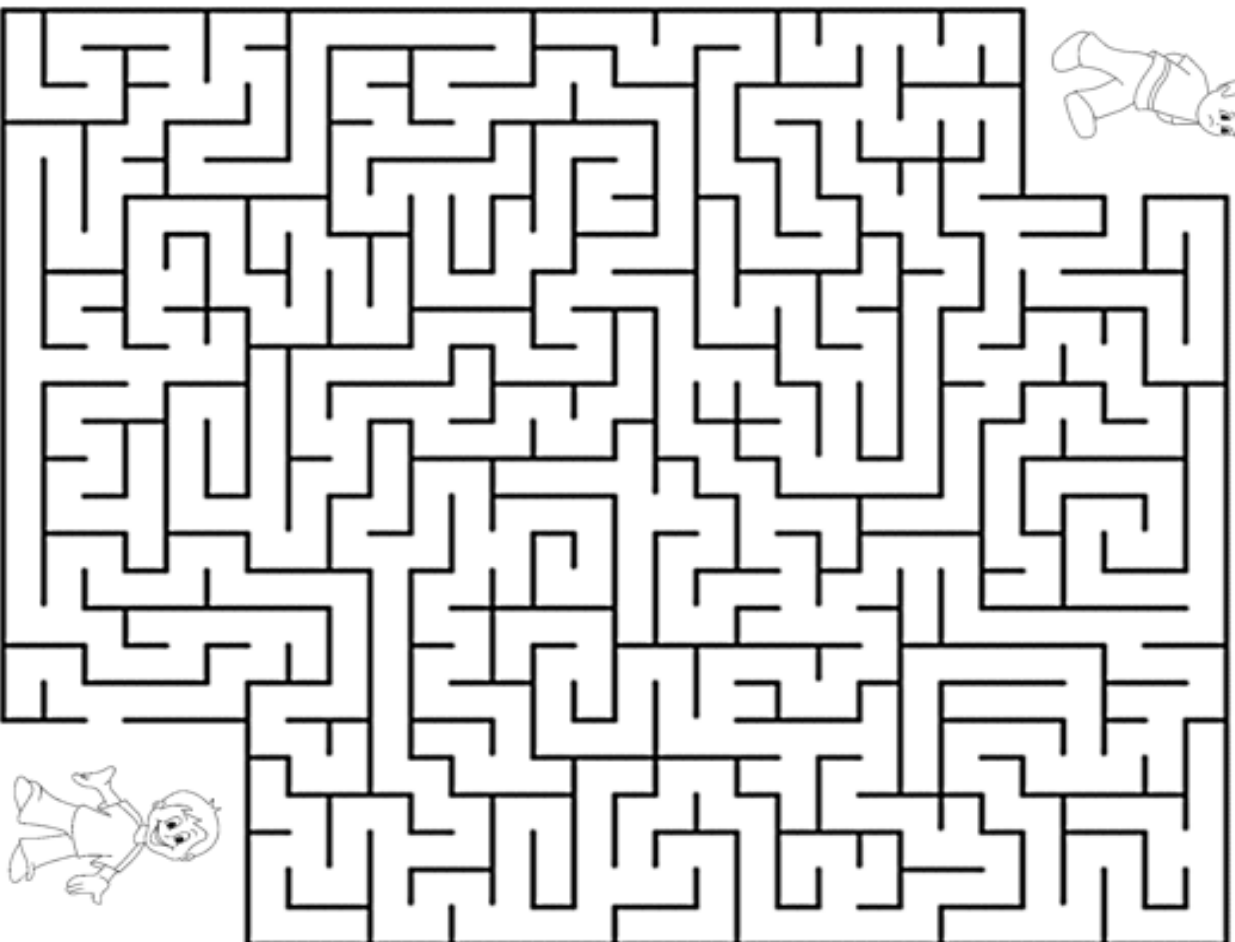
**Hearts breaking in Silence
Tears fall like rain,
No one knows the hurt you feel
Or the guilt behind your pain.
Darkened skies around you, emptiness inside,
You are trying to forget the secret that you hide.
God always will forgive the wrong choices that we make,
If we ask from the heart and are sincere for Jesus' sake.
Please know that God is with you and he will dry your tears.
His arms are always open. Let him comfort all your fears.
Now close your eyes. You are forgiven.
God's grace will see you through.
He loves you so. He won't let go.
A new day awaits for you.**

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"Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me."

It's not easy forgiving someone that has hurt you, it's like travelling thru a maze. Forgiveness helps you move past the pain and anger. Help this boy to happiness again.



Unscramble each of the clue words that are the feelings we can experience when someone hurts us. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number to see what Jesus said he did for us. We should also do the same to others.

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