



THE STORY OF JOSEPH

The Forgiveness Box

Activity

Forgiving someone can sometimes be difficult especially when we are really hurt by that person. God forgives us freely and wants us to do the same for others. In this activity the children will get a better understanding of what it means to forgive and how we can be forgiving like God wants us to be.

Materials

Empty Kleenex box (or any empty box)
Small strips of paper

Procedure

1. Prepare small pieces of paper and write on each piece a statement such as one of the following:

- Someone hit you or pushed you down.
- Someone won't let you play a game.
- Someone broke something of yours.
- Someone called you an unkind name.
- Someone took what you were playing with and won't share it.

2. Put the papers in a small box labeled "Forgiveness Box."

3. Show the children the "Forgiveness Box" and invite one child at a time to take a piece of paper out of it. Read each statement and ask questions such as the following:

- Has this ever happened to you?
- How would it make you feel?
- What should the person who made you unhappy or angry say to you?
- What should you do or say to a person who has been unkind to you?

4. After the activity talk about how hard it may have been for Joseph to forgive his brother but he still forgave them. Help the children understand that God wants us to be forgiving.

Explanation: Remind the children that God wants us to forgive others as he forgives.