



SUNDAY SCHOOL IDEAS for July 26, 2020

based on Matt. 18:23-35

Theme: forgiveness

Idea #1: Found Poem

Write a “found” poem using a newspaper or magazine. Arrange the prose already written there into lines. The topic can be forgiveness or a current event.

This example is by poet Eric Torgersen:

The Story of White Man Leading Viet Cong Patrol
--AP Dispatch, Des Moines Register, Aug. 4, 1968

The slain enemy resembled
An American Marine
Who was 18 years old
When he disappeared.

The violent episode
Was one of the strangest
In this strange war.

For a moment
The two young men—
The American Marine
And the white man
In the uniform of the enemy—
Stared at each other.

“He had an AK47
Automatic rifle
But he just looked at me.”

Gordon fired
After a moment’s hesitation.
Several of the Marines suspect
That the unknown white man
Whom they call “the Caucasian”
Could have shot first
But deliberately held fire.

At the debriefing
Everyone was afraid
To say what they had seen.

Idea #2: “Writing” Words with Fingers

Using your finger, “write” words of the scripture on each other’s backs. Can you guess the words, despite not seeing them front-wise?

Idea #3: Art Activity

For Adults

Create an artwork based on one of the following prompts:

How have you failed in forgiving someone in your life who you perceive as having wronged you in some manner?

What does forgiveness mean in regards to people that we don't have a direct relationship with? Are we called to forgive others who we feel are behaving in some manner that we see as morally wrong, politically incorrect, or socially unjust? How do we forgive the perpetrator without condoning the action?

Make a design that incorporates words or phrases that expresses these ideas.

For Children

Do a drawing of a time something happened in your life where someone did something to upset you and then you forgave them for how they acted or what they did to you. Maybe your mom or dad can help you remember an example.

