



Slime Time

Joseph and His Brothers

BIG IDEA: God is forgiving, so we can forgive others.

BIBLE BASIS: Genesis 37–47

KEY VERSE: “Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.” Ephesians 4:32 (NirV)

★ STORY CONNECT

SLIME TIME STORY PICTURE

We’ve been hearing some stories from the ooey and gooey side of the Bible. The best part is that we’re going to help tell the stories by creating some slime pictures.

Directions: Divide slime (playdoh) among family members and assign an object or picture for each person to create.

- Coat or Robe
- Chains
- Ring and Necklace
- Tear drops

While you are working on slime (playdoh) objects/pictures, talk about the following question. Keep these pictures handy for the story time.

Question: If you were the most powerful person in the world, what would you do with your power?

★ STORY TIME

JOSEPH

Watch the “Journey Today Show” on JAM Family Church together.

Have your Bible ready to look up the story!





★ APPLICATION ACTIVITY

LETTING GO OF A GRUDGE (Application Activity)

Directions: Break off a handful of the story picture slime/playdoh. Place a cup in the middle of everyone.. Tell everyone to think about a time when someone did or said something mean to them. Choose a kid to share their story. When they're finished sharing, hand them the slime/playdoh and tell them to squeeze it tightly.

Say: Holding onto a grudge is like squeezing this slime. It feels kind of good, but it's slimy and makes a big mess. Let's pretend that the cup in the middle of the group is God's hand. We're going to try letting go of our grudge and placing it into His hands. That means we're going to stop being angry and forgive instead.

Directions: Ask each person how they could show forgiveness in that situation. After taking a few answers, tell the person with the slime to stand up, hold their arm straight out from their body, and try to drop the slime into the cup. You can give them a few tries if necessary. When they have had a few chances, choose another person and repeat the previous steps (share situation/talk about ways to forgive/drop slime into cup). When everyone has had a turn, ask the following questions:

Question: Why do you think it's so much easier to hold onto a grudge than it is to let it go?

Question: Is it easier for you to forgive others when you think about all the times that God has forgiven you? Why or why not?

Question: Is there anyone in your life that you're having a hard time forgiving?

★ KEY VERSE ACTIVITY

ACTION VERSE (Bible Memorization Activity)

Directions: Write out the verse and read it together several times. When everyone is ready, turn the sign over so they can no longer read it.

Next, tell everyone that they are all on a sinking ship and that you are a part of a rescue team looking for survivors. To be a survivor the kids have to complete a task while saying the Bible verse out loud. If they complete both the task and the Bible verse successfully, they have to yell, "I'm a survivor." If they mess up on either the task or the Bible verse, they have to pretend to sink into the floor as if it were water. Today's Bible verse says:

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Listed below are some optional actions. Use as many as you wish, but consider asking the kids for ideas for challenging actions to complete while reciting the verse.



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For everyone:

- Hop on one foot while turning in circles
- Perform push-ups
- Pat head with one hand and rub stomach with the other
- Jumping jacks
- Go back and forth giving “high 10s” to the kid on either side
- Pair up with another kid and do leap frog
- Quickly spin around in circles
- Perform sit-ups

For Older Kids: (use caution and supervise carefully)

- See if anyone can do a headstand while reciting the verse
- Using 6 kids, form a pyramid. When in place, everyone must recite the verse

Question: In addition to forgiving, what are some other ways you can be kind and tender to one another?

PRAYER ACTIVITY

POPSICLE PRAYERS

Directions: Give everyone a Popsicle stick and some markers. Tell them to spend a minute or two writing their name on the stick and decorating it however they would like. When time is up, have the kids place their sticks in a plastic cup. Next, have everyone (kids and adults) take turns pulling a stick out of the cup without looking and read the name aloud. If they happen to pull out their own stick, have them put it back and draw again. Have the kid whose name is on the stick share a prayer request. Everyone should listen carefully to the request, but encourage the person who drew the name to pay special attention. The person who drew the name will keep the stick in their pocket over the coming week and pray for that person every time they see or feel the stick. Continue taking turns until all of the sticks have been drawn. Finish by closing in prayer.

