



WAVES OF MERCY WAVES OF GRACE

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KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

Kids Assembly Topic for September 2021

WAVES OF MERCY AND GRACE

Objectives:

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

1. Understand deeply the meaning of kindness in relation to forgiveness.
2. Recognize God's kindness and mercy in their lives.
3. Realize the things they can do to spread love to others through kindness and forgiveness.



I. MOTIVATION

Activity: Video watching

Materials:

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfDfMZ6MTJs>

Processing:

What did the father showed to his second son? Correct! The father showed kindness and mercy. He showed kindness by accepting and forgiving his son despite all the things he has done to him.



II. HEAD

How do you show kindness to your family and friends? How do you show forgiveness and mercy to them? Kindness and forgiveness must be felt rather than must be defined. It is better to experience it rather than to try to describe it.

Kindness and forgiveness goes along together, we cannot be kind if we hold grudges to our enemies. On the other hand, we cannot forgive if we cannot show kindness to those people who have hurt us.

Those two virtues are fruits of the Holy Spirit. We cannot have those two virtues if the Holy Spirit is not with us. Thus, we really need to ask and pray to God to give us His waves of mercy and grace to respond in his challenge to be kind and merciful to others.



III. HEART

Luke 6:35 says: "But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked."

It is not easy to be kind and merciful. It is not easy to do what the father did to his son. But that is how God to us. The father in the story is God and the son represents us. Sometimes we do things that make God sad, sometimes we turn our backs to Him. But He is always waiting for us.

As MFC Kids, we are called to be the light to our families and friends by being like the father in the story. He wants us to be like Him who is always ready to show kindness and who is always ready to forgive.

It is not easy but how can we do that?

1. Pray

Ask God to help you and teach you be like Him. Pray to God that he may send the Holy Spirit to us to empower us to be kind even if we don't want to and to forgive even if that person hurts us.

2. Attend the Holy Mass

In the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we remember Jesus' death and resurrection. In the Holy mass, we can be reminded of how God showed His kindness and mercy to us by giving His son Jesus to save us from our sins.

3. Make your parents your role model

Our parents love us the way God wants us to be loved. They show kindness to us by loving us unconditionally. They forgive our sins even if we don't ask forgiveness. They are our role models. If you think being kind and forgiving is hard, look at how they are kind and forgiving to you.



IV. HANDS

A. For Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity 1: Coloring Activity

Materials:

Printed copy of handout (Please see Appendix A)

Coloring Materials

B. For First Step (5-6 years old) and Foot Step (8-10 years old)

Activity: I am kind and forgiving



Materials:

- Paper
- Coloring Materials
- Googly eyes

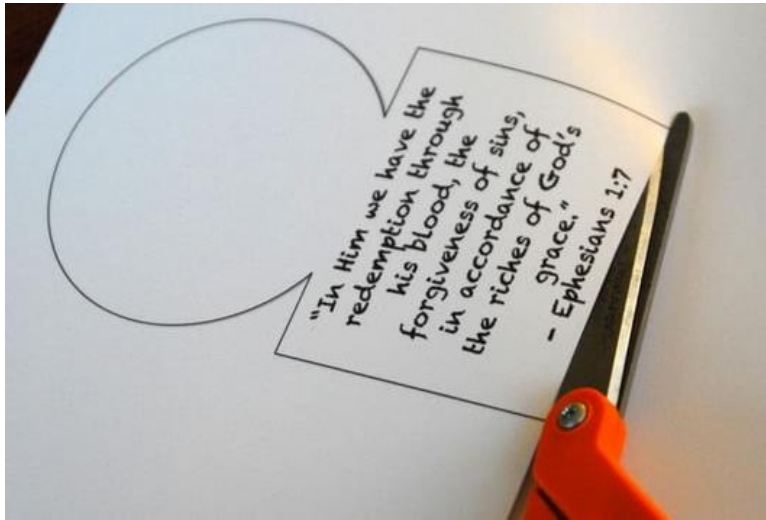
- Glue
- Yarn
- Pen

Instructions:

1. Use a piece of construction paper or colorful card stock. Measure in 3 inches along the length of the paper and draw a guide line and then cut.



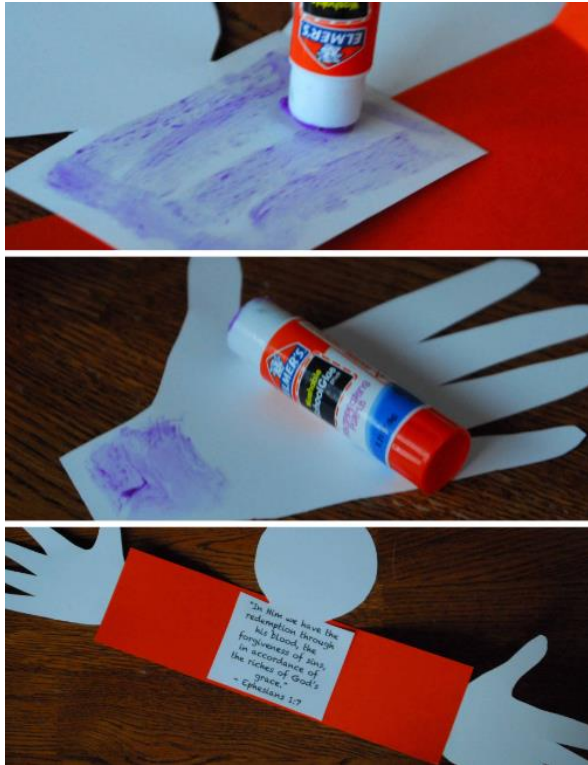
2. Cut out a circle and a square on a different paper. And then write the verse from Ephesians 1:7 "For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God,"



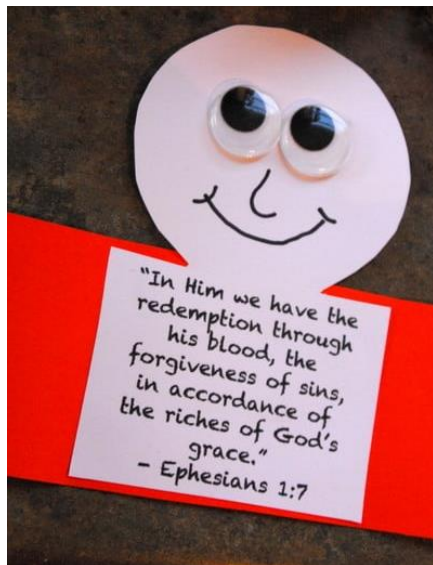
3. Trace your hands on another paper and then cut them out.



4. Glue down the verse/head and hands.



5. Draw the mouth and the nose and glue down your googly eyes. If you don't have googly eyes, you can just draw.



6. The final step is to add on the hair. And then write the names God is calling you to forgive on the left arm and then pray for them. On the right arm, write the things you can do to show kindness to everyone.



C. Step Up (11-12 years old)

Activity: Household

Discussion question:

1. How is God calling you to be kind to others?
2. Who are the people God is telling you to forgive?



IV. TAKE AWAY

God gave us His waves of mercy and grace. Now is our time to show God's mercy and kindness to all the people around us. Let us be the light that God wants us to be and show kindness and mercy to everyone that we will meet.

Here is our voyager's badge for this month!



RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

1. I will imitate Jesus.

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

2. I will be a good family member.

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

4. I will tell others about Jesus.

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds everyday that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A

Forgiveness Coloring Page



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Salute to all of you, Captains! As we continue to set sail in our voyage, we continue to teach the kids to be the light into this world. This month of September, we continue to be a light by showing kindness and forgiveness to the people around us.

As we have received God's waves of mercy and grace, we are also called to share these to others even to those people who have hurt us. Since you, the parents, are the primary role models of your kids in showing forgiveness and kindness, we encourage you to do these activities to let your kids understand more of these virtues.

1. **Story time!** Spend some time with your kid/s telling the story of the prodigal son

The Prodigal Son

And He said, "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' And so he divided his [b]wealth between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in wild living. Now when he had [d]spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he longed to have his fill of the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving him anything. But

when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger! I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and [h]in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers.'" So he set out and came to [i]his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and [j]embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and [k]in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and [l]put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let's eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him. But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never [m]neglected a command of yours; and yet you never gave me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and

rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.”

2. Sharing Time: Gather your family around and answer these questions

After story telling process how God has been a loving and merciful to His children and allow your family members to answer these questions:

- What have you learn from the story?
- How will you be forgiving to your family members?
- How can you show kindness to your friends even virtually?

End the sharing by praying over your kids so they may grow more in these virtues.

After doing these challenges, we encourage you to post in your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you so much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

MFC Kids Team