

# **Group Time Guide**

Supplies Needed: Two lacing shapes, one shoelace to thread.

#### 1. Introductions

**Circle Up:** Have each Kid-O give you a high five and then sit down in a circle. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name as you give them hand sanitizer.

#### 2. Discussion Questions

- Who did Esau forgive in our Bible Adventure story? (His brother Jacob.)
- Have you ever forgiven someone? What happened?

## 3. Activity

**Do This**: Show kids how to lace the two shapes together. You should be able to put one on top of the other and put the shoelace through both of them. Tie a knot in the end of the shoelace so it doesn't come free.

**Say This**: We brought these two shapes together by sewing them. Have you ever seen someone sew something else? We sew things like fabric together to keep them connected and fix holes or tears in them.

**The Point**: Forgiveness works a little like this! When we're mad or we fight with someone, it's like we're apart from them. Saying "I forgive you" shows them that we love them and want to be their friend. That's why forgiving can help fix our friendships!

### 4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Prayer

Do This: Practice the Big Idea and Memory Verse with the kids.

**Memory Verse**: Hebrews 10:24- Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works.

**Big Idea**: When we argue or we fight, forgiving can help make it right.

**Do This**: Encourage them to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

**Do This**: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to forgive. Amen."