

# **Group Time Guide**

Supplies Needed: Foam hearts, washable markers, baby wipes

#### 1. Introductions and Snack

**Circle Up:** Have Kid-Os sit down in a circle as quickly as they can and give you a "thumbs up" when they are ready to listen. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

**Do This**: Give kids hand sanitizer, then hand each of them a snack.

#### 2. Discussion Questions

- How can you forgive someone? (Choose to stop being upset with them for something they did they you didn't like.)
- In our Bible Adventure, what did Hosea choose to do after Gomer did something mean to him? (Forgive her.)

Repeatable Phrases: "God forgives me." "I can forgive."

## 3. Hands-On Option

**Do This**: Have each Kid-O use the washable markers to scribble on a heart. Tell them those scribbles are like the things others do to us that we don't like. Then, give each Kid-O a wipe and instruct them to wipe the heart clean. When we forgive others, we choose not to be mad at them anymore—which can help our hearts feel better too! Kids can take their heart home with them to help them remember to forgive.

**The Point**: We all do things that we know are wrong, but we can choose to forgive others like God will forgive us!

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

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

**Memory Verse**: Habakkuk 3:18 - I will still be glad because of what the Lord has done. **Big Idea**: I can forgive others.

**Big Idea**: Give each kid a sticker. 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 me choose to forgive others. Amen."