

## **4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Discussion**

### **BOTTOM LINE REVIEW**

#### **SUPPLIES:**

- Paper (cut into quarters – about the size of an index card)
- Pencils

#### **HOW-TO:**

- Give your child a piece of paper and instruct the kids to write down one thing they've done this week that they know was wrong.
- As they finish writing, ask them to read their cards to themselves and think about how God forgives them. Then have your child tear up their paper and put all the pieces in the centre of your small group area.
- Take another piece of paper and get your kids to write down something someone else has done to them that made them sad or angry this week.
- As they finish writing, ask them to read their cards to themselves and think about how it made them feel.
- If they want to forgive with God's help, have them tear up the paper and put all the pieces in the middle too.

#### **QUESTIONS**

- Why does it sometimes feel easier to stay mad when someone does or says something that hurts us? If we DO choose to stay mad, what might happen?
  - How does knowing that God forgives you every time help you choose to forgive others when you'd rather stay mad or want to get even?
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### **VERSE OF THE MONTH GAME**

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13

#### **SUPPLIES:**

- Bibles

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- What do you think it means to "bear with" one another? **[It means to put up with each other and to let stuff go easily without getting mad or frustrated.]**

- How about that big word "grievance". Have you heard that word before? **[A grievance is when someone hurts you or makes you mad.]**
- What does this verse say about how God wants us to forgive? **[He wants us to forgive like HE forgives US.]**

### **LEARN IT "SAY OR SWEAT" GAME:**

Have each kid say one word from the Verse of the Month in order around the circle. If someone misses a word, choose an exercise for them to do: push-ups, jumping jacks, burpees, etc.