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Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners - Children with Restricted Movement

There may be a child in the group who is unable to run or throw or hit a baseball.

- Be aware of children with physical disabilities, and find out what other interests they may have.
- Ask the group to come up with scenarios that reflect the concept of the lesson, such as spilling a drink on the piano.

Catechist Tips: Forgiveness

Forgiveness is basic to the Church's understanding of justice and peace.

- You must ask forgiveness and forgive others before you can work for justice and peace.
- In the story of the Forgiving Father, the son needed to ask for forgiveness before there could be peace in the family.

Catechist Tips: In the News

Show the children stories from the newspaper that involve disputes in schools, families or communities. Discuss ways that loving forgiveness could have solved or eased these situations.

Glossary Activity: Forgiveness

Review with children some ways to reach forgiveness by resolving conflicts. Have children illustrate reminders with these steps.

- Listen without interrupting.
- Be willing to compromise and look for solutions that benefit everyone.

Additional Activity: Looking for Forgiveness

Ask children to think about a book they have read that contains examples of forgiveness. Share an example.

- Give children an opportunity to share their examples during this meeting or during next week's meeting.

Additional Activity: Role-Play Forgiveness

Invite children to act out situations in which forgiveness is asked for and granted.

- Have children work in pairs, alternating being the person who asks for and the person who grants forgiveness.
- Remind children to include the suggestions from the chart on the "Our Catholic Life" page in their role plays.

Parish Video Connection: The Prodigal Son

After completing the Catechist Edition instruction on page 143, play this video for the children.

Ask: Who does the father represent in this story? (God the Father) Who does the younger son represent in the story? (all of God's children) When does God forgive us? (God always forgives us when we are truly sorry for our sins.)

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/V96rkM5Gpn0>