June 2, 2013 – Forgiveness

John 8: 1-11

Take a trip outside and sit on the grass and tell the story of the woman caught in adultery. (kid’s version)

Get some leaders to drag katrina to us and say she should be really punished for what she did wrong.

Have everyone stand up and go over to Katrina – Wanda get down on the cement and write with chalk –

“Forgive our sins as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us.” Luke 11:4

Talk about what that verse means – get leaders to say what that verse would mean to them in this situaton

Ask: have you ever had someone do something really mean to you?

Get everyone to draw a picture of it on the sidewalk.

Ask them if they would be willing to forgive that person…..give the child a water gun and have them squirt water on the chalk to erase it …..”that’s what it’s like when you forgive someone – it’s like it hadn’t happened.”

Now ask them to write in the same place some things that they’ve done that they’d like Jesus to forgive them for….leaders all have water guns and squirt sidewalk as soon as they start writing, so it becomes impossible to write it. –“ that’s what happens when we ask God for forgiveness – if we’ve forgiven the people who have done wrong things to us – all we have to do is ask, and the bad things that we’ve done will be forgiven as easily and as quickly as this.”

Draw pictures of what your heart will feel like when this happens.

Have teachers go individually to kids and pray with them as they are drawing.

Possible Game if still time - Matt and Don set up

Have the children play the bean bag toss game.

Materials needed:
Bowl or bucket
Masking tape
Bean bag

Place the bucket or bowl on the floor, then about 5 or 6 feet back place a strip of tape, for the standing line. Have the students take turns trying to throw the bean bag into the bucket. When someone misses have the children determine how many times that person should get in order to make it into the bucket. Play for as long as you like, but make sure that each student has at least one turn. When you are done playing ask them to tell you again how many tries they decided that they should get to make it in if they messed up the first time. When they tell you their answer ask them how many chances they give their friends and family when they mess up. Talk about how we should forgive our friends and family and give them many, many chances.