

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

Bible Story: Matthew 18:15-20

Bible Verse: For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.  
Matthew 18:20

Read the Bible story. What are you supposed to do if you have a disagreement with someone? In the Bible story, the people in the story are referred to as brothers. Do you think this applies only to brothers? Why does the story suggest trying many times to reach an agreement? Read Matthew 18:21-22. How many times does it say we need to forgive each other?

The story also says, “whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Have we heard those words in another Bible story? Hint: Read Matthew 16:18-19. Who was Jesus talking to in the earlier story? Who is Jesus talking to now?

Can you think of a word that means to reach an agreement with someone who has done something wrong against us? If Jesus says what we do here is like what happens in heaven, are we supposed to continue to be angry with each other? Are there any times when you might not be able to forgive someone? Is Jesus able to help us forgive each other?

Why do you think the Bible story ends with the verse, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” If we continuously try to work through any disagreements with someone, and we go to others to help and even to the church, does this sound like we should hold grudges or if we should love God and love each other? And Jesus promises to be with us when we follow his commandments.

**Activity**

Make a friendship bracelet to remind you how important it is to maintain good relationships and to remind you that Jesus is always there when you gather with your friends.

There are many styles for friendship bracelets. You can use lots of different materials to make the bracelets. The internet can show you many options. An adult may have to help you follow the directions.

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Here are some samples.

Sailor's Knot:



Cobra Stitch:



Alternating Half Hitch:  
(I braided strands of yarn together first.)



Chevron:

