

YEAR OF HOPE : FRESH START



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TO KNOW GOD PROVIDES FORGIVENESS AS A HOPE TO RESTORE RELATIONSHIPS
TO KNOW THAT WE SHOULD FORGIVE OTHERS AND OURSELVES
TO KNOW WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO FORGIVE



TO FORGIVE SOMEONE THIS WEEK

Intro



- Welcome everyone. (Make sure everyone knows each other, register etc.)
- Explain what happens at youth, and what today is about.
- Play Good Day Bruce! - See PDF (*it links with messing up!*)
- Can you retell the story of Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat so far?!!

Video



📺 Watch the video on Youtube: IvyYouth.

You may have to press pause in it to answer a question, or play a game in it, so you may need resources. So just check before you start it.

Bible Bit...



- 📖 **Read Genesis 42** in groups. - or at least get someone to tell the story if it'll take too long.
- What happens in this part of the story? This is the climax of the story!!
- What do you think Joseph was feeling and thinking when he saw his brothers?
- Read verse 21& 22, because the brothers reacted in this way, how do you think they felt about themselves about what they did to Joseph? What do you think their lives have been like since doing that?
- Why do you think Joseph gave them their gold back?
- Do you think Joseph had forgiven them? Do you think the brothers had forgiven themselves?

Discussion



📖 **Read Colossians 3:13**

- Do you think it is right to forgive everyone?
- Why do you think it is good to forgive people, why does God say to do it?
- Who gets healed if you forgive someone?
- Why do we find it difficult to forgive?

📖 **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 - 19**

- What does verse 17 mean for you if you are a Christian?
- Do you find it easy to forgive yourself?
- Why is it important to also forgive yourself as well as other people?
- Has God forgiven you for that thing? So can you forgive yourself and move on?
- What does reconciliation mean?
- Have you a relationship that needs mending - either with yourself or with others? It is God's plan and hope that this relationship will be healed - just like Joseph and his brothers.



Prayer

Spend some time praying for each other about forgiving yourself, others and healing relationships.
You may want to do a response activity with your young people as its a hard topic.



Can you post anything on Facebook about what you've learnt today?



Can you post a picture on insta representing what you've done today?



Can you post anything on SnapChat about what you've learnt today?

GOOD DAY BRUCE!!!



In a circle - you have to go round and say hello to the person next to you, and then introduce them to the person next to them!

However there is a catch!

Everyone at the start is called Bruce!

You have to do it in an Australian accent!!!!!!!!!!

So it goes as follows..

To the person on their right:

Person 1: Good Day Bruce,

Person 2: Good Day Bruce

Person 1: Say Good day to Bruce, Bruce."

Next person to the person on their right

"Good Day Bruce,"

"Good Day Bruce,"

"Say Good day to Bruce, Bruce."

etc.

However, if someone messes up they become a Shelia, so their name changes to Shelia. The people either side of them have to remember that.

If they mess up their name changes too.

If they mess up again they become a "Shrimp on the Barbie!"

If they mess up again they are out.

Winner is the last one in!

e.g.

Person 1: Good Day Bruce,

Person 2: Good Day Shelia

Person 1: Say Good Day to Shrimp on the Barbie, Shelia."