

Button Shuffle

TOPIC : *Forgiveness*

SCRIPTURE : *Luke 17:3-4*

SUPPLIES : *assortment of colored buttons, small box, paper, pens or pencils, table*

Before the game, decide on five color combinations of four to six buttons. Colors may be repeated within a grouping. Write these five combinations on the side of the box that will be nearest your body, circling the one button that will be removed from each combination.

Give each person paper and a pen or pencil. Have youth number their papers 1 through 5. Place the first grouping of buttons on a table for the group to look at for approximately three to five seconds. Don't allow players to write anything down. Cover the buttons with the box. Tilt the box so you can remove the button you selected to remove—careful not to let anyone see the button. *Note: You may need to shield the written color combinations with your body as you remove the button.*

Lift the box, and ask everyone to write down the color of the button that was removed. Repeat the process for each of four remaining groupings of buttons. Then let youth "grade" themselves as you call out the missing button colors for all five rounds.

DISCUSSION

- What kinds of feelings do you have when someone wrongs you?
- If those feelings were colors, what colors would they be?
- If those feelings were color-coded and laid out on a table like these buttons, what buttons would be removed when you forgave someone for the wrong?
- Which "buttons" do you have a tendency to want to hold on to when trying to forgive someone?
- What can you do to remove these "buttons" from your heart so your forgiveness is complete like God's forgiveness of you?