Kids Church 7th June

**Discussion:**

Ice – Breaker:

In the story, Steve described church as being like porcupines in a suitcase.

* How can we be prickly like a porcupine?
* What might being prickly look like? (What do we say or do)
* How might our prickles make the other kids at church feel?

Read Colossians 3:12-15

What does Paul say we are to do: *bear with each other, forgive each other, clothe ourselves in love, control our thinking, be thankful, have peace...*

Read Colossians 3:13 again.

* *-  What do you think it means to bear with one another?*  (to put up with each other, even when they’re painful)
* *-  If someone at church hurts you once, what should you do? What if they do it again? And again? And again? Why?* (keep on forgiving, God keeps on forgiving us)
* *-  Remember the story about Steve and the children he went to church with. What pictures did the children draw?* (they thought church was like a body, a family, a bride and groom)
* *-  These are all pictures from the Bible. God uses them to show us what church is supposed to be like. But what picture did Steve draw?*(a suitcase full of porcupines, the kids at church were pushy, shy and talked too much - they were painful)
* *-  The Bible does not talk about porcupines in a suitcase. Why do you think Steve drew this picture?*(he was hurt or felt uncomfortable with the other children, they were hard to like)  Conclusion:
* *-  In Colossians Paul says that we will sometimes feel hurt by people at church.*
* *-  So we need to learn to put up with each other.*
*  *-  To learn to love each other.*
* *-  To forgive each other.*  Application:
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**Craft**

Porcupine Model

Need:

* -  Modeling dough or air drying clay
* -  Toothpicks or straws  Instructions:

- Show children how to make a model of a porcupine or echidna and push the toothpicks or straws (that have been cut into shorter lengths) in for the quills.

*Talk to the children about how prickly it would be if you were a porcupine in a suitcase with lots of other porcupines. You’d get hurt! Sometimes when we come to church we get hurt. That’s why we need to keep on forgiving each other.*

Porcupine Picture

Need:

* Picture of porcupine with verse
* Strips of paper
* Colour pencils/ textas

Colour the porcupine.

Use strips of paper to make spines make the porcupines spines.