KIDS BIBLE CLASS · JULY — WEEK 3

The Servant Who Had No Mercy

Matthew 18:21-35

"Forgive each other, just as God forgave you."

based on Matthew 18:33 (NIrV)

God forgives us so much — He wants us to forgive others too.



Image 1

One day Jesus' friend Peter had a question. “Jesus,” he asked, “how many times should I forgive someone who is unkind to me? Seven times?”

Peter thought seven times sounded like a lot! But Jesus said, “Not seven times — many, many more than that!”

Then Jesus told a story to help Peter understand.



Image 2

There was a servant who owed the king a HUGE amount of money — more than he could ever, ever pay back.

The servant fell down on his knees and begged, “Please, be patient with me!”

The king felt sorry for him. “I forgive your whole debt,” the king said kindly. Just like that, the servant didn't owe a single coin. He was free!



Image 3

But on his way out, that same servant met a friend who owed him just a tiny bit of money.

Instead of being kind, the servant grabbed his friend and shouted, “Pay me back right now!”

His friend dropped to his knees. “Please, be patient with me!” he begged — the very same words the servant had used with the king. But the servant would not listen.



Image 4

The servant refused to forgive his friend even a little bit.

He had his friend thrown into jail until every last coin could be paid back.

How sad! The servant had just been forgiven so much, but he would not share even a little of that kindness.



Image 5

When the king heard what had happened, he called the servant back.

“I forgave you everything when you begged me,” the king said. “Shouldn't you have forgiven your friend the same way?”

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WHAT WE LEARN

The king forgave the servant a huge debt he could never repay — but then that same servant refused to forgive his friend a tiny one. Jesus told this story to show us something important: God forgives us for so many things, so He wants us to forgive other people too, even when it's hard.

For you: When someone hurts you or says they're sorry, you can choose to forgive them — just like God forgives you, again and again. Forgiving sets your heart free.