

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Lesson 82A



Read this story in
the Bible:

Matthew 18 v 21-35

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Jesus told a parable about a servant who owed lots of money to the king. When the king asked the servant to pay him back, this servant said he had no money. The king wanted to sell the servant and his wife and children. But he fell down and begged the king to have patience, and he would pay everything back. The king felt so sorry for him that he kindly forgave all his debt. Now he owed the king nothing!

But that servant went out and found another man who owed him a few pence. That man fell down and begged him to have patience and he would pay everything back. What did the first servant do? Did he forgive him the debt, just like the king had forgiven him? No! He had the man sent to prison until he could pay his debt! How unkind.

The other servants saw this and were upset. They told the king. The king was so angry that this servant, who had owed so much and been forgiven, had not been kind to another who owed so little. The king threw him into prison and said that he must pay back all that money he owed after all.

Did you know that we are like the man who owed so much to the king? We owe God for everything we have, including our life. We should live a perfect life of service to Him, but we cannot. Our hearts are full of sin and we can never pay the debt we owe God. But, like the kind king, God sent Jesus who died on the cross to pay for the sins of those who trust Him. Those who don't will be punished for ever. Listen to Jesus and trust Him now!

The Unforgiving Servant

Jesus told the parable about the unkind servant to teach us about the importance of forgiveness. If you have trusted and believed in Jesus, He has forgiven all your sin. That is amazing! Everything you have done, thought or said that is against God's law has been forgiven! That is more than we can even think about.

Jesus says that you should forgive others in the same way. No one can ever owe you the tremendous amount you owe God. Christians should be forgiving people. It helps to think just what the Lord Jesus had to go through to forgive His people.

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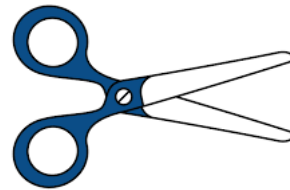
Cut it out carefully and stick onto some card.

If you like you can make a little hole in the bottom where the circle is and thread a ribbon through it.

Keep it in your Bible.

Learn the Bible verse.

Pray that God would forgive your own sins through Jesus, and ask Him to help you be a forgiving person.



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Ephesians 1
v 7 (NKJV)

