

Journal Page

How many times does Jesus want us to forgive others? Why? List names of people you need to forgive.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Can we pay God the debt our sin owes? Why or why not?
- How has God shown mercy to sinners?
- How can you forgive others when their debt against you is great?



The Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:21-35

MAIN POINT: GOD SHOWS MERCY TO US SO THAT WE WILL SHOW MERCY TO OTHERS.

Jesus told Peter a story to help him understand what forgiveness in the kingdom of heaven is like.

Jesus said, “One day, a king asked all his servants to tell him how much they each owed the king. One of the servants owed the king fifty million silver coins! The servant did not have any money to give the king, so the king ordered for the servant and his family to be sold as payment for the debt.

“But the servant fell on his knees and begged the king, ‘Please give me more time. I will repay you everything I owe!’ The king felt sorry for the man, so he let the man go and forgave the debt.

“As the servant was leaving, he ran into a man who owed him one hundred silver coins. ‘Give me the money you owe me!’ he demanded.

“The man fell to his knees and begged the servant, ‘Please give me more time. I will repay you everything I owe!’ But the servant refused, and he threw the man into jail.

“The king called for the servant he had forgiven. ‘I forgave what you could never repay, and you did not forgive the small amount.’ The king punished the official and made him pay his debt.”

Jesus said, “This is what My Father in heaven will do if you do not forgive each other.”

Christ Connection: Nothing we do is enough to pay the debt we owe God and take away God’s punishment for our sin. Jesus came and died on the cross to pay for our sin and take the punishment we deserve. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin completely. We can forgive others because God has greatly forgiven us greatly.

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Show It

Circle which actions are examples of showing mercy.

- Letting your sister borrow your shoes even though she borrowed and ripped your favorite shirt.
- Talking back to your mom because she broke a promise to you.
- Ignoring your friend who spread a rumor about you.
- Visiting a classmate in the hospital who got hurt after he stole your bike.
- Reading a book with your little brother after he pushed you.
- Inviting a new classmate to sit with you at lunch even though she made fun of your outfit.
- Forgiving a friend who hurt you.



4 = Y E B

8 = E S H

12 = R S I

10 = A K M

15 = C D O



Coin Counting

Circle the bag in each row with the correct number of coins. Then write the corresponding letter in the blank at the bottom to reveal a key word from today's Bible story.

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10	8	12	15	4

is not getting the punishment you deserve, but being shown kindness instead.