

The Servant Who Wouldn't Forgive

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Matthew 18:21-35

Characters: Jesus, King, Unmerciful servant, Fellow servant

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PETER ASKED JESUS, 'How many times should I forgive someone? Seven times?'

Jesus said, 'Not seven—seventy times seven!' That basically means KEEP FORGIVING!

Then Jesus told a story:

A servant owed the king a HUGE amount of money—millions and millions! There was NO way he could pay it back.

The king said, 'Sell him and his family as slaves to pay the debt!'

The servant fell on his knees. 'Please, please! Be patient! I'll pay it all back!'

The king felt sorry for him. 'You know what? I forgive the WHOLE debt. You don't owe me anything. Go free!'

WOW! The servant was forgiven MILLIONS!

But then that same servant found another servant who owed HIM a tiny bit of money—like a few dollars compared to millions.

Did he forgive him? NO WAY!

He grabbed the other servant by the throat. 'PAY ME WHAT YOU OWE!'

'Please, be patient! I'll pay you back!'

But the first servant had the man thrown in PRISON!

Other servants saw this and told the king. The king was FURIOUS!

'You wicked servant! I forgave you MILLIONS! Couldn't you forgive a tiny debt?!' The king threw him in prison.

Jesus said, 'This is what will happen if you don't forgive others from your heart.'

God has forgiven us SO MUCH. We should forgive others the same way!

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