

The Unforgiving Servant

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BIBLE STORY

From Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus told a story about a king and a servant. This servant owed the king a lot of money—so much he could never pay it back. The servant begged, “Please be patient with me!” The king was kind and said to his servant, “I forgive you. You don’t have to pay me anymore.”

But then that same servant found another man who owed him just a little bit of money. The man begged, “Please be patient with me!” But the unforgiving servant said “No!” and had him put in jail.

When the king heard about what his servant did, he was upset. He asked, “I forgave you so much. Why didn’t you forgive this other man?” The king was angry that he had shown kindness, but his servant did not. Jesus told this story to teach us that God forgives us, and we should forgive others too.



JESUS FORGIVES

As you look at the picture, think about ways you can show kindness to others because Jesus is kind to you and me. Write them down here:

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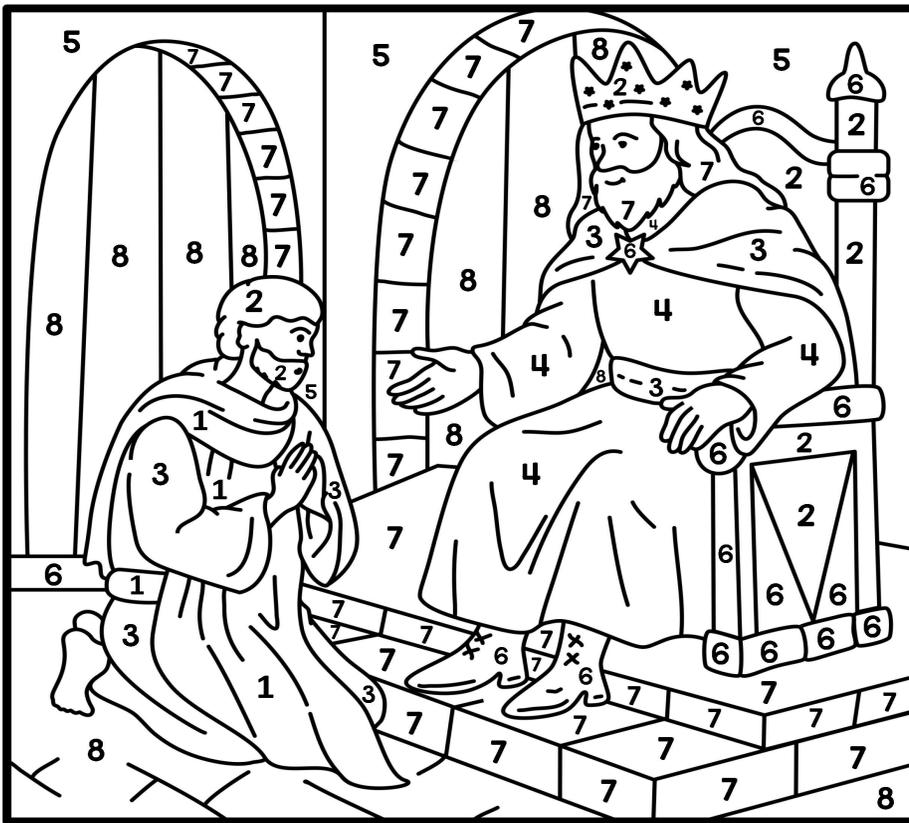
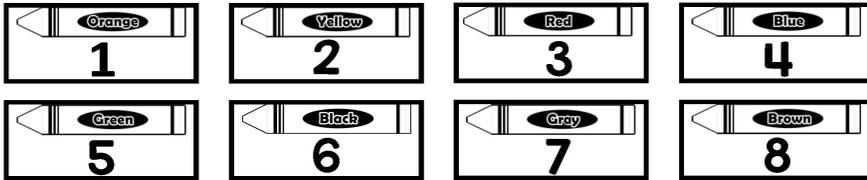


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JESUS LOVES ME

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As you color the picture, talk about how kind the king was to his servant. Jesus is kind to us just like the king. Jesus is our King!



FAMILY TIME

Jesus loves and forgives us. He knows our hearts before we even ask anything. Think of how much we love our children here on earth. Think of how often we show mercy to them when they've done wrong. God's love for us is so much greater than that!

He waits, ready to forgive us when we ask with repentant hearts.

Give your children the opportunity to forgive you, their parent, when you have wronged them in any way. As a parent, asking your child to forgive you when you've lost your temper or perhaps forgotten a promise you made to them is important. It shows them that even we as parents are not perfect, and need forgiveness, too!

Talk with your child about what it means to forgive. Let them know how important it is to forgive others and how important it is to thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died so that we can be forgiven of our wrong choices.

JESUS FORGIVES!

Children love role play. Pretend you are the servant who needs forgiveness and allow your child to be the king in the Bible story. Reread the story and act it out with your child/children. Remind them how important it is to forgive others just like Christ forgives us.