

# Stanmore Chapel Sunday School

## The Unforgiving Servant

*Matthew 18:21-35*

### Beginners & Pioneers

**(Cross out the wrong word)**

**How many times did Jesus say Peter should forgive others?**

(Seven times/Seventy times seven)

(Matt. 18 v.22)

**What did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven to?**

(A king who's servants owed him/A lion cub ruling over Africa)

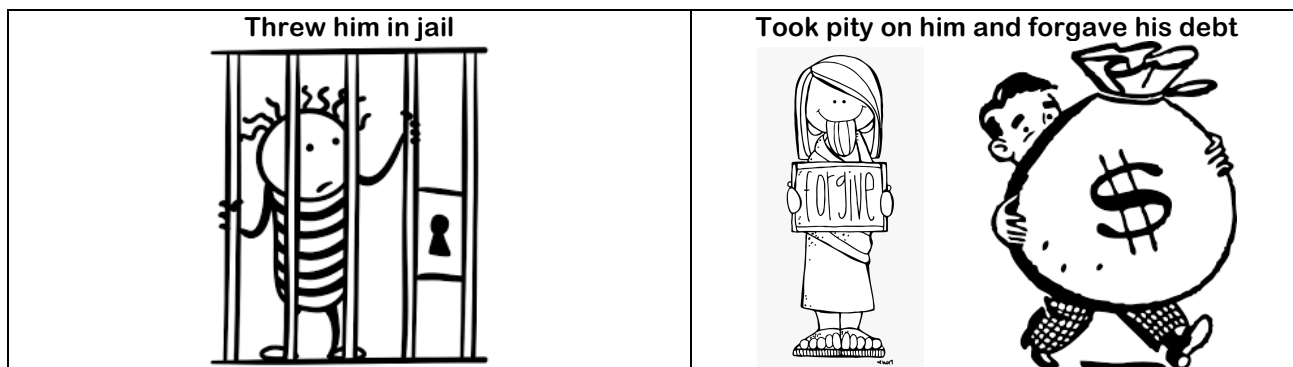
(Matt. 18 v.23)

**What did the servant owe the master in the video?**

(Breakfast in bed/A million dollars) (Matt. 18 v.24 – 'ten thousand bags of gold' NIV)

**What did the first servant's master do when he begged for mercy?**

**(Circle the right answer)**



(Matt. 18 v.27)

**What did the first servant do to the second servant that owed him a smaller amount of money?**

(Invited him to a party/Had him thrown into prison)

(Matt. 18 v.30)

**(Draw the king's reaction when he found out)**



**How did Jesus say His heavenly Father would treat them if they didn't forgive others?**

(Like the king treated the servant/No pudding for a week)

(Matt. 18 v.35)

### **Chat with your parents/caregiver**

- How did the first servant deserve to be treated by the king at the beginning?
- What did the king do with him instead? (v.27)
- How should the servant have treated his fellow servant?

**Jesus compares this story to the kingdom of heaven, and His heavenly Father. God is the King of the world, and we are all his servants.**

- Can you think of ways in which we owe God (the king) like the servant? (Think of ways we disobey God and let him down)

**When the bible uses the number 7, it can also mean complete. So when Jesus is says not 7 times, but 70 times 7, he isn't putting a limit on the amount of times we are to forgive, but rather is saying however much you think you should forgive – you should forgive much more. Completely forgive others.**

- If God can forgive us for all the wrong things we do to him, what should we do to other people when they ask us for forgiveness?

**Let's pray!**

**Let's thank God that even though we slip up so many times, and owe him so much, he still chooses to forgive us. Thanks that Jesus made this possible by dying in our place.  
Let's ask for his help to show forgiveness others without limits.**

### **Spot/colour in the differences**



## Explorers

**Unscramble the words to complete the verses:**

Then **(Epter)**\_\_\_\_\_ came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I **(griefov)**\_\_\_\_\_ my brother or **(tresis)**\_\_\_\_\_ who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore, the kingdom of **(vanehe)**\_\_\_\_\_ is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. (Matt. 18 v.21 - 23)

**When the servant was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his family and everything he had be sold to repay the debt.**

**Cross out the wrong word to complete the verses:**

"At this the servant fell on his **(sword/knees)** before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will **(pay back/burn down)** everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow **(servants/ninjas)** who owed him a **(puppy/hundred silver coins)**. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and **(begged/worshiped)** him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into **(prison/the lions den)** until he could pay the debt. (Matt. 18 v.26-30)

**Cross out the 'x's to complete the verses:**

"Then the (xxmxaxsxtxexxxrx) called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that (xxdxexbtxx) of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had (xxmxexxxrxcxyx) on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the (xxjxaxixlexrxsxx) to be tortured, until he should (xxpxaxyxxx) back all he owed. (Matt. 18 v.32-34)

**Draw the action in each box (e.g. forgiven & let go, jailed etc.)**

King with the 1 <sup>st</sup> servant in v.27	1 <sup>st</sup> servant with 2 <sup>nd</sup> servant v.30	King with 1 <sup>st</sup> servant in v.34

**Jesus said: "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (Matt. 18 v.35)**

### Have a think/chat with your parents/caregiver

- What did the first servant deserve from the king at the beginning?
- What did the king do to him instead? (v.27)
- How should the servant have treated his fellow servant?
- How did the first servant end up being treated by the king in v32-34? And why?

**Jesus compares this story to the kingdom of heaven, and His heavenly Father. God is the King of the world, and we are all his servants.**

- Can you think of ways in which we owe God (the king) like the servant?
- How do we deserve to be treated by God when we owe him a great deal?

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kingdom	heaven	fellow	children
tortured	king	debt	brother