

Bible Story Page

ALLOW kids to sit in a circle. When they hear the word "forgive" in the story, they should raise their hand in the air!

One day, Peter asked Jesus, "When someone won't stop doing wrong to me, how many times must I FORGIVE them? Like seven times?"

Jesus answered, "You must FORGIVE them more than seven times. You should continue to FORGIVE them even if they keep doing wrong to you."

Then Jesus told a story to help Peter understand. Jesus said, "There was a king who decided to collect all the money that his servants owed him. The king went down the line collecting money from each person.

One servant owed him \$100,000. The servant wasn't able to pay the king because he only had a little bit of money. The king ordered that everything the servant had be sold until he could pay the money.

The servant got on his knees and begged, "FORGIVE me, king. I will pay you everything I owe." The master used his words to FORGIVE by saying, "It's ok. You don't have to pay anything."

The servant left the king's house and saw one of his friends who owed him \$10. The servant ran over to his friend and grabbed him around the neck. "Pay me the money you owe me," the servant yelled!

The friend got on his knees and begged, "FORGIVE me, friend! I will pay you the money I owe you." But the servant did not FORGIVE his friend. Instead, he had the friend thrown in jail!

Some other men saw what happened and reported it to the king. The king could not believe that the servant he had forgiven did not FORGIVE his friend!

The king called the servant back, saying, "You should have used your words to FORGIVE your friend because I used my words to FORGIVE you." So the king had the servant locked in jail, because he did not FORGIVE.

Jesus ended the story by saying, "Just like God in Heaven FORGIVES you, you should FORGIVE others."