



Miracles & Parables Resources

Unforgiving Servant

KS1 &
KS2

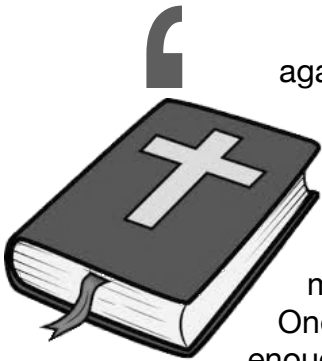
Parables are stories told by Jesus that teach Christians about his Kingdom

Discussion

- What part of the video did you like best?
- Why?



Reading



Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, when my brother sins against me, how many times must I forgive him? Should I forgive him as many as 7 times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, you must forgive him more than 7 times. You must forgive him even if he does wrong to you 70 times 7.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who decided to collect the money his servants owed him. So the king began to collect his money. One servant owed him several million pounds. But the servant did not have enough money to pay his master, the king. So the master ordered that everything the servant owned should be sold, even the servant’s wife and children. The money would be used to pay the king what the servant owed. “But the servant fell on his knees and begged, ‘Be patient with me. I will pay you everything I owe.’ The master felt sorry for his servant. So the master told the servant he did not have to pay. He let the servant go free.

“Later, that same servant found another servant who owed him a few pounds. The servant grabbed the other servant around the neck and said, ‘Pay me the money you owe me!’ “The other servant fell on his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me. I will pay you everything I owe.’ “ But the first servant refused to be patient. He threw the other servant into prison until he could pay everything he owed. All the other servants saw what happened. They were very sorry. So they went and told their master all that had happened.

“Then the master called his servant in and said, ‘You evil servant! You begged me to forget what you owed. So I told you that you did not have to pay anything. I had mercy on you. You should have had the same mercy on that other servant.’

The master was very angry, and he put the servant in prison to be punished. The servant had to stay in prison until he could pay everything he owed.” This king did what my heavenly Father will do to you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”



Unforgiving Servant Sequencing

Below are some pictures of the the parable. Write what is happening at each part of the story in the box below each picture.



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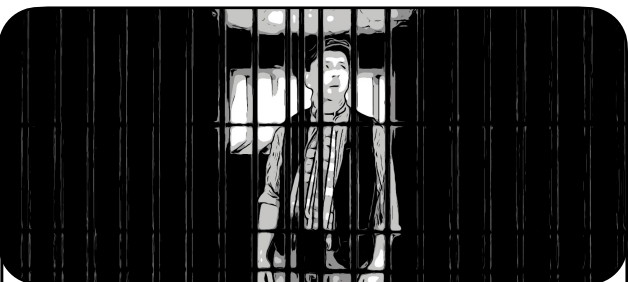
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Trouble!

Here's a picture of the man standing before the king. He knows that he owes the king a lot of money. He also knows that he can't pay. He knows that he's going to be in a lot of trouble. The king will be angry, and it's very likely that he'll be sent to prison. How do you think he's feeling at this moment? Circle words from the word bank below to describe how he might be feeling.



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| scared | happy | excited | worried | guilty |
| bad | good | delighted | foolish | upset |

Now here's a picture of the king. How do you think he's feeling about the man who's taken his money and now can't pay it back? Circle words from the word bank below to describe how he might be feeling.

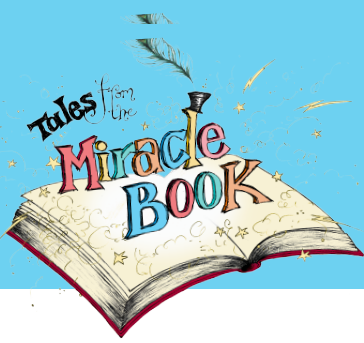


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| annoyed | happy | excited |
| shocked | unfair | |
| disappointed | good | delighted |
| upset | angry | |

Now choose one of the words from the word bank that most describes the man and the king and complete the sentences below.

I think the man would have been feeling _____.

I think the king would be feeling _____.



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Why do you think the king changes his mind?



Surprising Mercy & Grace

The man stood before the king, waiting for him to pass judgement...

Now, here's what should have happened:

The king **should** have told the man off.

He **should** have demanded back every penny that was owed to him.

And, if the man didn't pay...

He **should** have been locked away in prison

(Which is what they did on those days when people didn't pay back money they'd borrowed - it was treated as stealing.)

Those were the rules. And that's what **should** have happened.

But it didn't!

The king made a choice. He decided to let the man go... he cancelled all the debts (the money) that the man owed him... and let him walk free. It was extraordinary!



How do you suppose the man was feeling now?

How about the king?



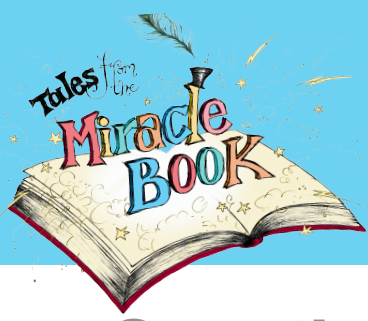
The man deserved to be punished... And yet he was treated in exactly the opposite way! It's almost like being given a gift!

The king chose kindness. Sometimes we call this 'mercy' or 'grace.'

See if you can find out what these words mean...

Mercy means _____

Grace means _____



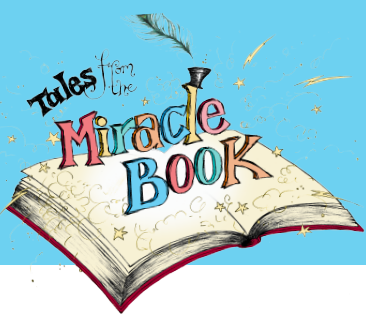
Creative Writing- Mercy

Imagine getting into trouble. Maybe it's at school, maybe it's at home, maybe it's even with one of your friends. What did you do?

So you've done something wrong and now you've been caught. And you know what's going to happen next... But then the exact opposite happens - and you're not in trouble after all. (You should be - but someone in charge has chosen to be kind instead).

Write a story telling someone about it afterwards. Continue on a separate sheet if you run out of room.

A large rectangular area with horizontal lines, intended for writing a story. The lines are evenly spaced and cover most of the page's width and height.



Do to others...

In this parable of the Unforgiving Servant, the king asks the man to remember his kindness. The parable is all about treating other people in the way that we want them to treat us...

So how do we like to be treated?

Below are some jumbled up words of how we like to be treated. After you've unscrambled them, circle the ones that represent ways you'd like to be treated.

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Write below why you think king was angry when heard what the unforgiving man had done.

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kindly, unkindly, fairly, politely, selfishly, generously, thoughtfully, respectfully, angrily



Faith Link

Jesus tells this story of the Unforgiving Servant in the Bible. Through this parable he is teaching that people should treat others in the same way that they expect to be treated.



But there's an even bigger message to the parable...

Have a look at the Lord's Prayer below. It contains these words: '**Forgive us the wrongs we have done**, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us.'

Our Father in heaven,
We pray that your name will always be kept holy.
We pray that your kingdom will come.
We pray that what you want will be done,
here on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us the food we need for each day.
**Forgive the sins we have done
just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us.**
And do not cause us to be tested;
but save us from the Evil One.

The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13 International Children's Bible

Christians believe that forgiveness is very important to God and believe that Jesus gave his life in payment to forgive us. It cost Jesus his life. He thought forgiveness was worth dying for.

In this parable the king represents God and demonstrates how God forgives us when we do things wrong. Christians believe that God doesn't want us to be like the unforgiving man and treat others without forgiveness. Christians believe that God treats us kindly. He forgives us for everything we do wrong - and he expects us to do the same...

Think about how you can forgive others when they hurt you.

You could even learn the Lord's Prayer if you'd like to...



Assessment Recording Sheet

NAME: _____

I like this parable because _____

My favourite part of the story is _____

The message from this story is _____

This parable tells us that Christians believe _____

The story is still relevant today because _____

After thinking about this story and it's teaching I will _____

Illustrate this story with a picture below...