

The Unforgiving Servant

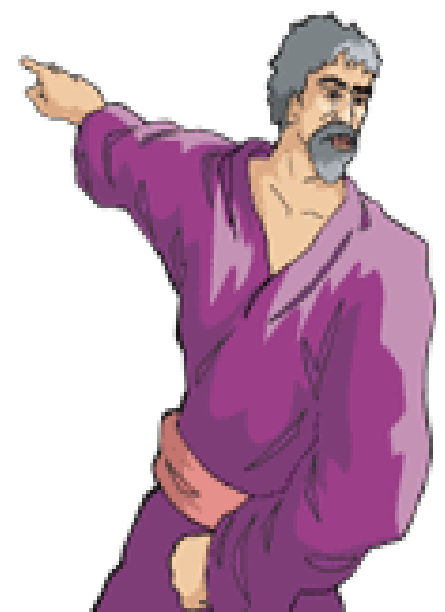
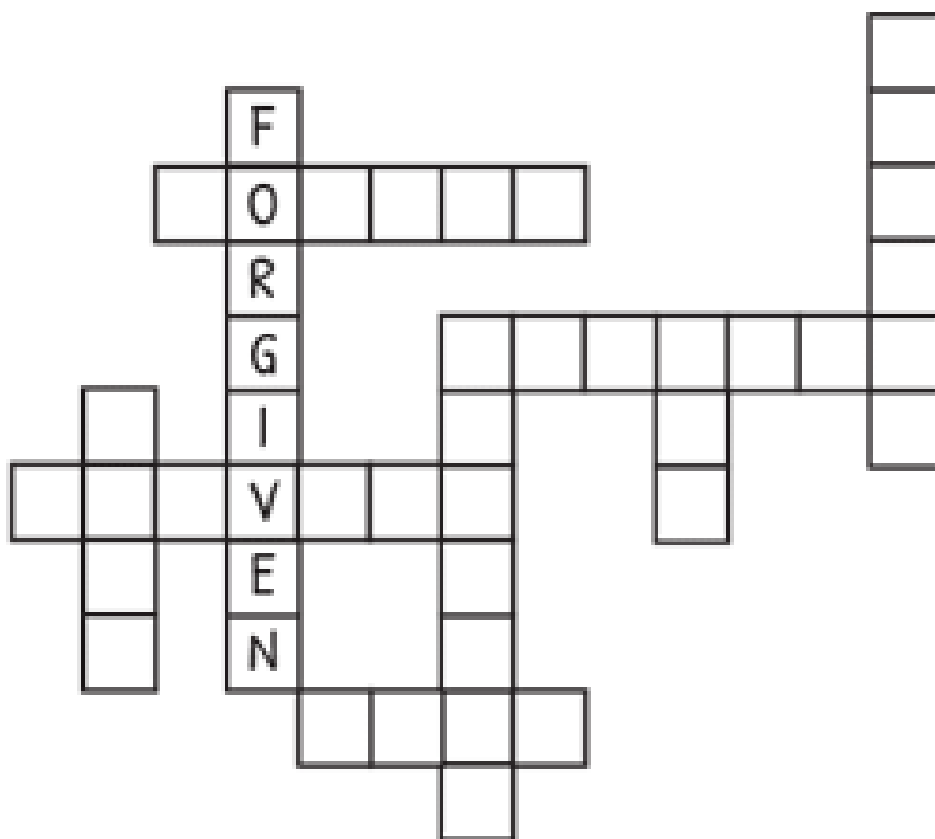
Read the parable of the two debtors told by Jesus in Matt 18:23-33 .
Then put the **green** words from the parable into the crossword puzzle.

One of the king's servants owed the king a great deal of money. However, he did not have the money to pay the **king**, so he asked the king to be **patient** and give him more time to repay the **debt**. The king felt bad for his servant and told him he did not have to repay the money. The entire debt was **forgiven**.

Once the **servant** left, he went looking for a worker who owed him a very small amount of money. The **worker** begged him to be patient. But the servant, who had just been forgiven by the king, had this man thrown in **jail**.

When the king heard how unkind his servant had been to the worker, he was angry. He told his servant, "Shame on you for treating your debtor this way, after all I did for you. Now you will go to jail, and you will pay me everything you owed me."

What good lessons we can learn from this **parable**. First, to treat others the way we would like to be treated, and second, to have a **loving** and forgiving heart.



In the Gospel reading, Matthew 18, verses 21-35, Jesus answers Peter's question about forgiving people and tells the parable of two men who owed money.

Talk about it with Mum or Dad and see what part of the parable is shown in this picture to colour.



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Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" Matthew 18:21 (NLT)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



1. _____ The number of times Peter thought you should forgive
2. _____ To seek an answer to a question
3. _____ A male who has the same parents as another person
4. _____ To excuse someone for an offense
5. _____ To break one of God's commandments
6. _____ One of Jesus' disciples
7. _____ To reply to a question
8. _____ The number of times Jesus said we should forgive

SEVEN
PETER

ANSWER
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FORGIVE
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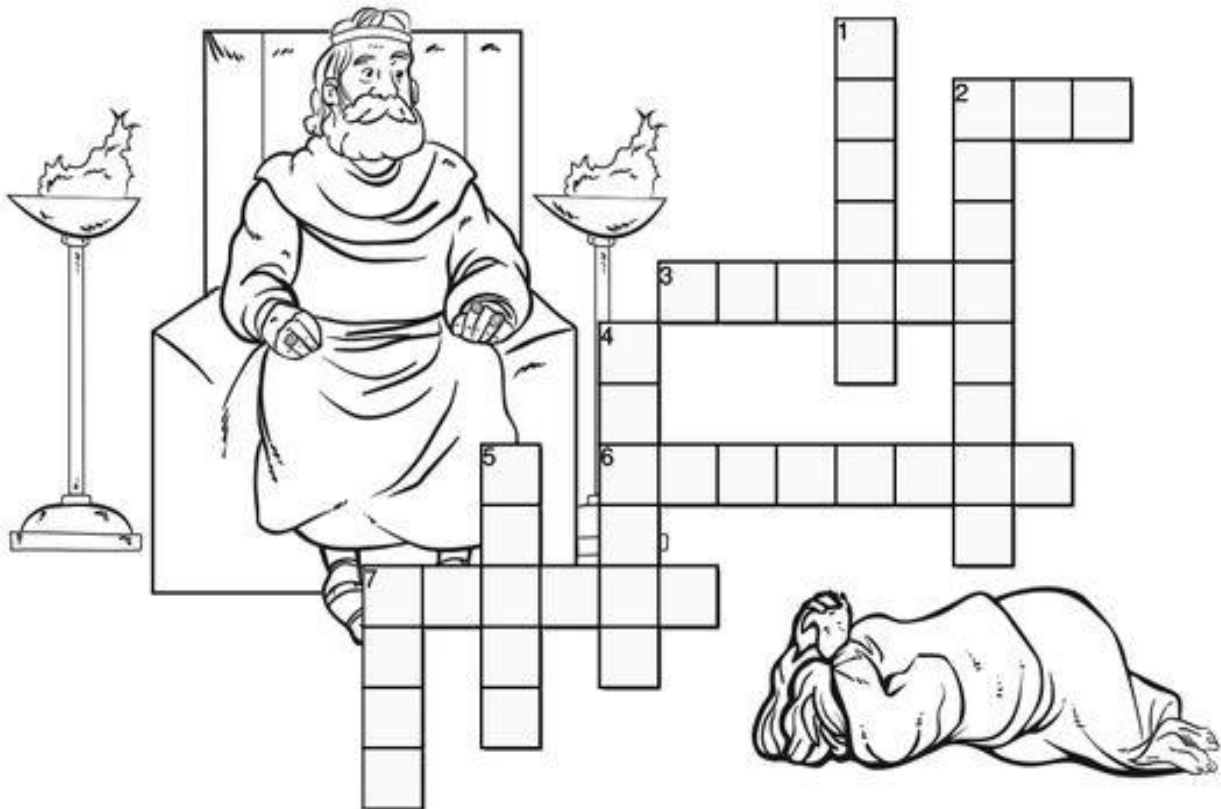
SEVENTY-SEVEN
BROTHER

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THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

Matthew 18:21-35



Across

2. The servant owed the king ___ thousand bags of gold.
3. When he saw his fellow servant, he grabbed him by the ____, demanding that he repay his debt.
6. The king had compassion on the servant and _____ all of his debt.
7. Because the servant could not pay back his debt, the king wanted to turn him and his family into _____.

Down

1. The unforgiving servant had his fellow servant thrown into _____, until his debt could be re-paid.
2. The king was furious and threw the servant into jail, and had him _____ until he could repay every last cent.
4. "You _____ servant," the king said. "I canceled all of your debt because you begged me to."
5. The servant's fellow servant owed him a _____ amount of money.
7. The king expected the servant to treat his fellow servant in the _____ way.



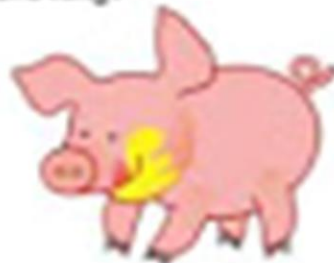
The answers are in today's Gospel reading –
Matthew 18 verses 21 – 35
Sorry it is blurry, but I think it will be fun to work it out!

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

1. Who owed the king 10,000 talents in this parable?



2. What would happen to the servant if he didn't repay the king?



3. Did the king forgive the servant's debt?



4. What did the servant do to the man that owed him 100 denarii?



5. How did the king feel when he found out the servant didn't show the same compassion?

