

# G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

One day Peter asked Jesus, 'How many times do I have to forgive someone who hurts me? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'No, not only seventy times, but seventy times seven!'

Then Jesus told the disciples this story: 'Once there was a king who had many people working for him. One of the workers owed him a lot of money but couldn't pay it back. The king was angry and told the guards to sell the worker and his wife and children as slaves to pay what the man owed. But the man fell on his knees and begged the king, "Please, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything I owe you!"'

'The king felt sorry for the man and forgave him. He even said the man didn't have to pay back the money he owed. Now, when that same worker was leaving, he saw another man who owed him only a little bit of money. He grabbed him and said, "Pay me what you owe me!"'

'The man fell on his knees and said, "Please be patient with me, and I will pay you everything I owe you!"'

'But the man who had been forgiven said, "No!" and he had the man put into prison.'

'Now when the other workers saw what happened, they went to the king and told him the whole story. The king sent for the man he had forgiven and said to him, "You wicked man! I forgave you and even forgot about what you owed me because you begged me for mercy. And then you wouldn't do the same for someone else!"'

'So the king sent the man to prison to be punished. "And that;s the way it will be with you. If you want God to forgive you, you must forgive other people with all your heart."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

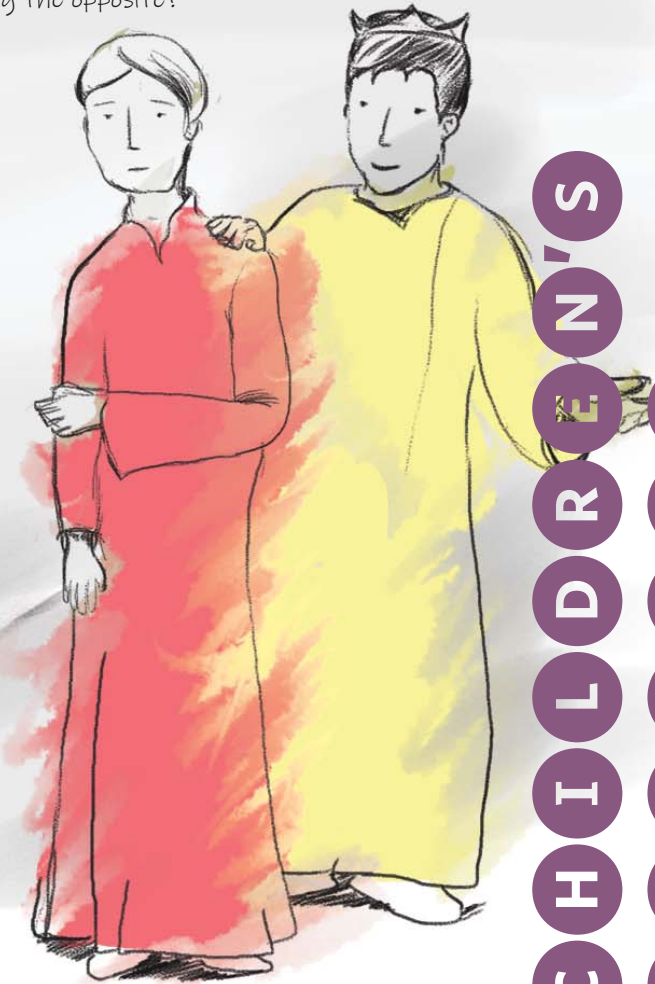


Jesus is pretty much saying you gotta to forgive ALL THE TIME.

Have you ever said to do something and ended up doing the opposite?



Try to be sincere. Forgive like you **MEAN IT!**



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# CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

Today's Gospel is about treating others like you want to be treated. If you want people to forgive you, you must forgive others.

## What are other ways to show kindness to others?

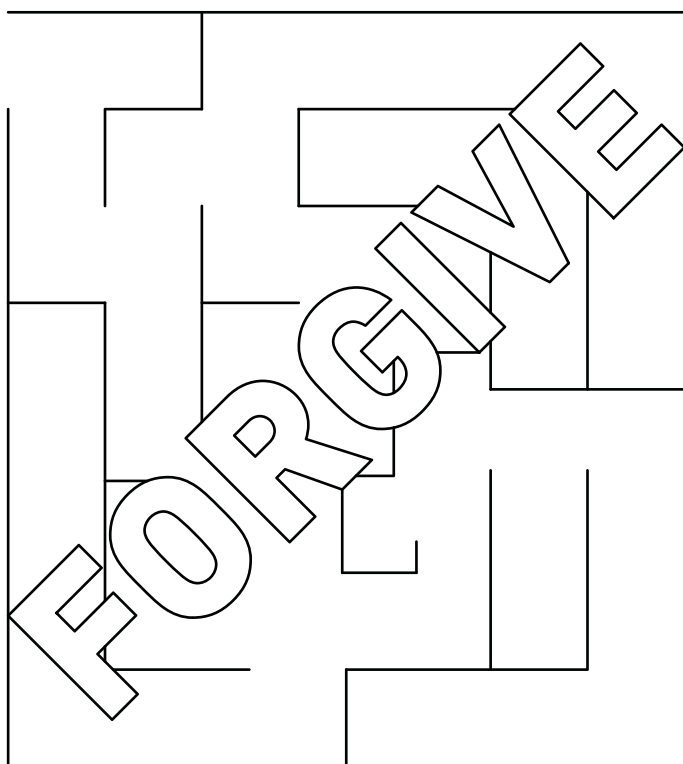
How about:

- Offer to help others (cleaning up, helping mom and dad)
- Praying for those in need

# AMAZE-ING

Can you find your way to forgive?

START



FINISH

# WHAT WOULD JESUS DO

Joey was running through the park. He was running so fast he didn't see Mr. Flowers carrying a vase.

WHACK! They both had a tumble and the vase broke!

'I'm sorry Mr. Flowers! Joey said.

'That's alright. Just be careful!' Mr. Flowers replies.

The next day Joey was walking through the park carrying his phone. His friend Lucy was chasing after a frisbee when she crashed into him.

SMASH! They both fell down. When Joey got up, his phone was in pieces!

'I'm really sorry!' Lucy exclaims.

## What should Joey do next?

