

Forgiveness



Dear God, we thank You for Your great love for us. We pray that You guide us in the right direction and help us understand right from wrong, Please open each of our hearts to hear what You want to teach us about forgiveness today, help us love one another and treat each other with kindness as You do us. In Jesus Name, Amen

Song 1:

Cast your burdens onto Jesus



Cast your burden

On Jesus,

For He Cares

For you. (x2)



High-a, high-a

High-a, high-a, high-a, high-a

High-a, high-a

Lift Jesus high-a, high-a! (x2)



Song 2:

I've got the joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

down in my heart

down in my heart,

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,

down in my heart to stay.

Chorus:

And I'm so happy, so very happy.

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

Additional Verses:

I've got the peace that passes

understanding down in my heart

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart





What is Forgiveness?

To forgive someone means to feel love and kindness for that person even though they have done something that hurt us or made us angry. Sometimes it means we must change our angry feelings toward that person to kind feelings. When we forgive others, we do not want to hurt them or get back at them. We are kind to them, even if they are not kind to us.

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

This whole parable begins because of a question Peter asks Jesus. The question went something like this: "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or friend when he does something mean to me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered him, "I tell you; seven times is not enough but forgive them as many as seventy-seven times."

Then Peter came up and said to him, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.'" [Matthew 18:21-22](#)

Long ago lived a king who had many servants. His servants often borrowed money from him. One day, the king decided it was time to collect all the money they owed him. He discovered that one of the servants owed him a lot of money. When the man could not pay, the king commanded that the man be sold, and his wife and children, too! The servant threw himself down on the floor and he begged, "Have patience with me, and I will repay you." The king felt sorry for the man and changed his mind about selling the servant and his family. Not only that, the king forgave the entire debt that the servant owed.

The servant who had just been forgiven a huge debt by the king found a fellow servant who owed him money he demanded he pay it back and when the other servant couldn't pay, he did not forgive the debt. Instead, he had his fellow servant thrown into jail.

The king was not happy! He called the unforgiving servant back before him. The king said, "I forgave you all that debt.... Shouldn't you also have mercy on your fellow servant?" The king sent the unforgiving servant to be punished.

Jesus ended the story with this final statement. "This is how your heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother with all your heart"



Reflection:

When we are followers of Jesus Christ, we try to do what he would do. Jesus always forgave those who were unkind to him. We should also forgive those who are unkind to us, if we forgive others and treat them kindly, we will feel happy inside. If we do not forgive, we will continue to feel hurt or angry, and we will not be happy. We need to forgive others so we can be happy

Happiness comes when we forgive others as God forgave us!

We must love one another in order to forgive.



Prayer Activity

Use crayons, paint, colour pencils etc to colour in and decorate the below picture

