



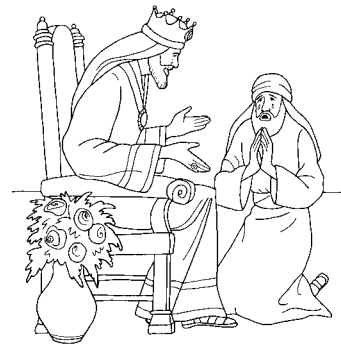
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## ☆Let's Talk

**ASK** Jesus told a story about a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. *What do you see in the picture?*

**SAY** The servant went to the king and told him he was sorry he could not pay it back right away. The king forgave the servant. He told the servant he didn't have to pay what he owed and let him go. The servant left the king and visited a man who owed him a little money.

**ASK** *What do you think the servant did to the man?*

**SAY** The servant demanded his money. When the man couldn't pay, the servant did not forgive him. He threw the man in jail. When the king heard what the servant did, he called him in. "You wicked servant," the king said. "You should have forgiven the man, just as I forgave you!" Then the king sent the servant to jail.

**ASK** *Why do you think Jesus told this story?*

**SAY** Jesus told this story to teach God's people that they should forgive others from the heart, just as Jesus has forgiven them.

## ☆Let's Trace

Print the word **Forgive** in dotted lines on a sheet of **paper**. Make **photocopies** and let children use a **crayon, marker, or pencil** to trace the letters. As children work, talk about ways to show forgiveness to others.

## ☆Let's Act

Set out a **toy crown, bathrobes, and sandals** to be used as props as you review the story Jesus told about forgiveness. Let children put on costumes and act out the parts of the king, the servant, and the man thrown in jail as you retell the story.

## ☆Let's Sing a Prayer

Sing this prayer to the tune "Part of the Family of God."

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Forgive one another each day,  
Dear God, please help us, we pray.  
You've forgiven our wrong; to you we belong!  
Forgive one another each day!

Conclude by saying **In Jesus' name, Amen.**