

Sunday 14th September 2020
Be Forgiving



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Gospel according to Matthew...

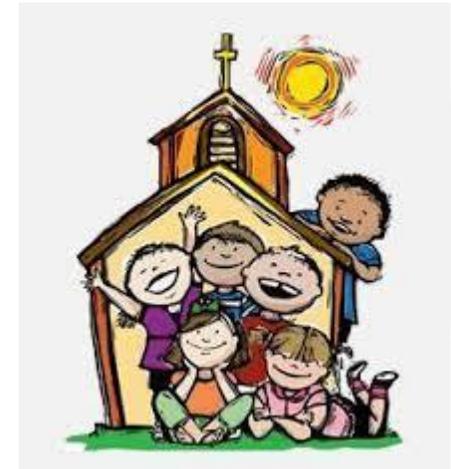
One day Jesus said, 'There was once a King who had many servants. One servant owed the King a lot of money but the servant couldn't pay him back. This made the King very cross and he told the servant he would sell him and his family as slaves and use the money to pay off his debts.

The servant begged for another chance and said, 'Please don't. I will find a way to pay you back, I promise.' The King was a kind man at heart and so he took pity on him, cancelled all his debts and let him go.

Later that day, the servant met one of his friends who owed him a little bit of money. When the friend couldn't pay, the servant had him thrown into jail.

When the King heard about this, he sent for the servant. 'Why could you not forgive your friend as I forgave you?' he asked the servant. Then the King had the servant thrown into jail until he could pay back everything that he owed the King.

Jesus said, 'Just as my Father forgives you, so you must be ready to forgive others with all your heart.'



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Respond Together...

- Can you remember why the servant was in trouble with the King?
- What did the King do at first?
- What did he do when he had spoken to the servant? He listened to what the servant had to say and forgave him, even though he owed him a great deal of money. The King gave him the chance to have a fresh start by wiping all his debts away.
- Did the servant show the same forgiveness to his friends? He soon forgot the good example the King had made and forgot how important it is to forgive people.
- What message does Jesus give us in this parable? That we must always be ready to forgive other people, no matter how big or small it is, if we want to be forgiven ourselves. God will always forgive us but he expects us to forgive others too.

Pray Together... Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

