

Parents Connect

Bible Story:

The Story of the Forgiving King
(Matthew 18:21-35)

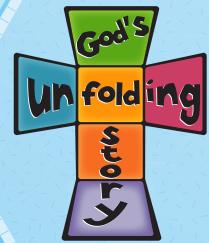
Bible Phrase: "Forgive one another." (Eph. 4:32)

Bible Truth: God wants me to forgive others as He forgives me.



God's Unfolding Story

1. God created everything
2. People disobeyed God.
3. God chose a special people.
- 4. God sent Jesus to help us.**
5. Jesus began the Church.
6. Jesus is preparing heaven for us.



Unfolding God's Story For Parents

One of Jesus favorite ways of teaching was to tell stories or parables. Help your preschooler understand the truth of Jesus' story by explaining and providing opportunities to live out the truths. Today we learn about forgiveness.

Say "Can you remember a time when someone did something mean to you? When someone is mean to us Jesus says that we are to forgive them."

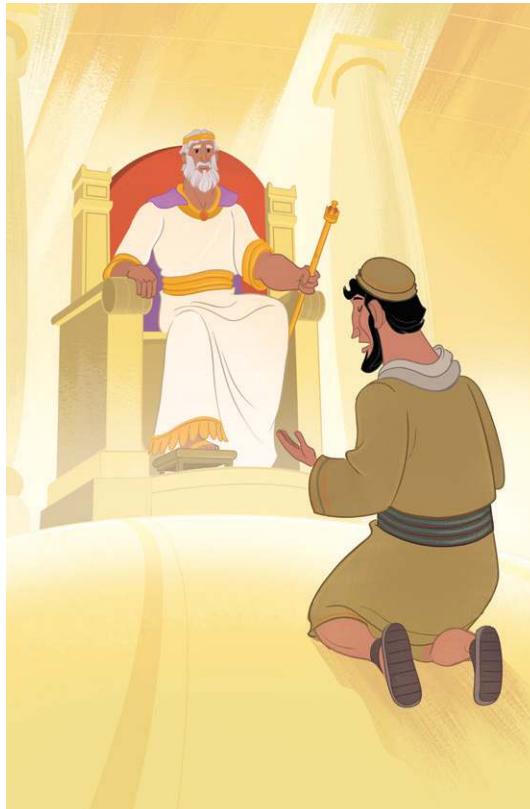
One of Jesus special helpers asked a hard question. How many times should I forgive someone?" Jesus answered the question by telling this story.

Tell the story.

Explain, "Jesus loves us and forgives us when we do bad things." "He wants us to forgive other people too.

Share the verse and then make a list of people to forgive.

Pray, and thank God for His forgiveness.



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The Story of the Forgiving King

Matthew 18:21-35

One day Jesus told this story.

There was once a man who worked for the king. The man had borrowed a lot of money from the king but had not paid it back.

One day, the king decided to collect the money the man had borrowed. The man was brought before the king and the king asked for his money. But the man had no money to pay the king. So the king commanded, "You must sell everything you have and pay your debt to me!"

When the king said this, the man got down on his hands and knees and begged the king to give him more time to pay the debt. Well, the king looked down at the man and instead of getting angry at the man for begging, he did something kind. The king said, "I forgive you your debt,

you may go, you do not owe me anything."

Well, you would have thought the man would be jumping around and shouting for joy but he did something that was not kind.

The man went and found someone who owed him money and demanded that he pay him what he owed. The man could not pay so he had him thrown into jail until he could pay his debt.

There were people who knew what had happened between the man and king. They knew it was not right for this man not to forgive the debt of someone who owed him money. The people went to the king and told him the story.

The king was angry and called for the man to be brought to him. The man was brought to the king. The king said, "I did not make you pay what you owed to me so you should have done the same for this man."

The king ordered that the man be put into jail until he could pay back all the money he owed the king.

Jesus wanted the people to understand that God wants us to forgive others as God forgives us.

Activity Suggestion

Make a King's Crown

Use a small paper bag that opens to about the size of your child's head. Cut the top of the bag so that it has fancy zig zag patterns like a king's crown might have. Size it to your child's head by clipping with a paper clip or tape to the right size. Let your preschooler decorate the crown using all the fancy materials that you can find to glue to, and color it. While he or she works on the crown talk about the king who forgave the man who owed him money. Explain that God forgives us when we do wrong things, and he wants us to forgive others when they have done things that hurt our feelings too.