

Buzz Spring 20 Week 10

Jesus Tells About an Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:21-33

Bible Point: We forgive all the time.

Tip for Children's Ministry Director:

If you're sending this lesson to families, send it as is! If you're recording a video, either pause for the discussion questions or tell families to pause the video while they share.

Bold text is spoken text.

Buzz Bond

Each person will tell one thing they're missing about school, church, or friends.

God Sightings

To help kids look for God all the time, tell about a time this week you saw God at work in your life. Then encourage your kids to share stories of their own.

Bible Buzz

People Smart: Act It!

One person will be the King, one person will be the Man Who Owes Money, and one person will be the Servant. (Families of two can have a stuffed animal play the Servant. Larger families can have people link arms and play one role together.)

Open the Bible to Matthew 18, and show everyone the words. SAY: **Jesus told a story about forgiveness in the Bible, God's special book. Here's the story: A man once owed a king millions of dollars. King, tell the Man, "You owe me money, and I want it right now!"** Pause for actors to do so.

The man couldn't pay the king. So he begged the king to give him some more time to pay. Man Who Owes Money, beg the King for more time. Pause.

The king felt sorry for the man, so he forgave the man and told him he didn't have to pay the money back. King, tell the Man that he never has to pay you back. Pause.

The man should've forgiven anyone who owed *him* money. But instead, he went to a servant who owed him just a little bit of money and demanded that the servant pay him right away. Servant, beg the Man for more time to pay. Pause. Man Who Owed Money, tell the Servant no, he has to pay you right now. Pause.

ASK: Explain whether you think it was fair or not fair for the man to make the servant pay him money.

Tell about a time that someone forgave you for something. How did you respond?

SAY: The king forgave the man, so it wasn't fair for the man to demand the money from the servant. Jesus told this story to teach us to forgive people over and over again, just as God does. God forgave us, so **WE FORGIVE ALL THE TIME**. That can be hard right now as we're spending a lot of time cooped up together with our families...but that just means it's a great time to practice forgiving over and over again!

Body Smart: Guess It!

SAY: Think of some things you do every single day. For example, you probably brush your teeth every day, and you also get dressed every day. Pick one person in the family to be the first actor. That person will think of something he or she does every day and silently act it out until the other partner can guess what it is. Then switch roles so everyone can act something out at least once. Have fun playing and guessing. (Children's Ministry Directors, if you're leading this over video you can be the first Actor!)

ASK: What are some of the things you do every day?

What might happen if you didn't do those things every day?

What do you think could happen if you never forgave anyone?

SAY: Today we're learning about something we're supposed to do over and over again—forgive others. You don't brush your teeth just once in your lifetime, do you? You brush your teeth at least once or twice a day. Just like those things that you do all the time, **WE FORGIVE ALL THE TIME**. The story Jesus told shows us why we need to forgive—because God forgave us!

Buzz In Action

Each person can choose one of these two questions:

- What do you need to say you're sorry for this week?
- What's one thing you'll do this week because of what you learned today?

Let's Pray

Everyone will choose a prayer to finish:

- God, you are...
- God, I'm afraid when...