

# The Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:21-22

One day Peter came and asked Jesus, “Lord, how often should I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Should I forgive him seven times?”

Jesus said to Peter: Not seven times, but 70 times seven times.

We all make mistakes. We are not perfect. It is easy to make mistakes, but is forgiving others easy? Not always. Sometimes our feelings are hurt or we have been hurt physically by another. Some swear never to forgive someone and this anger that they have can grow and can hurt us from the peace and happiness forgiveness can bring. When we do something wrong, you are ashamed or angry with yourself. That is how another person feels when they do something wrong too. Should we jump on this person and humiliate him or her with shaming words after he or she has made a mistake? Or would you speak kindly and offer some encouragement?

God wants us to tell him we are sorry when we do something wrong. How does it make you feel to know that God will forgive you when you say you are sorry and really mean it? (Good. I am glad that he will forgive me.) When should we tell God that we are sorry? (When we do something wrong.) God forgives the wrong things we have done, what should we do to others who have done something wrong? (Forgive them.)

Who does God want us to be kind to? (Everyone) When someone says they are sorry and they really mean it, what should you say? (I forgive you.) How many times must we forgive someone? (We should forgive over and over again just like God and Jesus.)

**Preparations:** Print out “I’m Sorry” Game Cards in white card stock. Print “70 x 7” Game Cards in light yellow card stock. **\*Use only the cards that are age appropriate.**

**Directions:** Put the Game Cards in 2 small baskets and set near the game board. Place your markers on START. Roll the die and move that many spaces. Follow the directions on the space you land on. If the space has “I’m Sorry!” on it, draw the corresponding card and read it out loud (if they cannot read it, have someone else read it for them). On the card is a situation that someone has done something wrong. The player must then apologize to the person to his/her left for the situation on the card and they must be specific with their apology. They must say something like, “I’m sorry I took your video game,” instead of “I’m sorry.” The player that they apologized to must then say, “I forgive you.” Teaching children to apologize and to seek forgiveness from family and friends will encourage them to do so with God. (If needed, the teacher will help the students understand what to do and coach them how to do it correctly.) The player then must also say what they should do to correct their mistake and/or what consequences should happen to them so they will learn to take responsibility of their actions. If you land on a space that has “70 x 7” on it, the player to your right draws a corresponding

Game Card and asks you a question. On the Game Card is a question about “The Unforgiving Servant” and about forgiving. If you answer the question correctly you receive a token. The player who reaches FINISH and has the most tokens wins the game.

\*As you play the game, take advantage of natural opportunities to highlight behaviors that facilitate or impeded being sorry for the wrong things you have done and forgiving others. Discuss with the students why someone would be sorry for what they have done and why it is important to forgive others. You could also ask, “What do you think of Steve’s answer?” or “What else could you say or do?” or “What is the worse thing someone could say or do in this situation?” or “What other things could the person do to correct their mistake and what could some of the consequences be?” You can also have the students relate each situation to a commandment to understand that it is a sin. When appropriate, reinforce a variety of ways to say or do things properly.

Continue game as time permits or until the student’s attention wanes.

NOTE: While playing this game be sure to respect individual differences and preferences for some answers.

For younger students, give the children stickers for trying or doing well.

\*All graphics/images/clipart etc. used on this game are not my own and are from various internet sources.

Directions- Print out Directions, cut it out, and glue on the front of a file folder.

Game Board- Print out Game Board, trim, and glue on the inside of the file folder. Make sure the directions are on the front of the file folder. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make it last.

70 x 7 Cards- Use these cards or make your own. Print out 70 x 7 Cards. Use only the cards that reflect your student’s abilities. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make them last.

I’m Sorry Cards- Use these cards or make your own. Print out I’m Sorry Cards. Use only the cards that reflect your student’s abilities. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make them last.

Tokens- Use these tokens or make your own. Print out several pages of Tokens on card stock. Cut out Tokens. Laminate or cover with clear contact paper to make them last.

Start

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Go Back 1

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# The Unforgiving Servant



70 x 7



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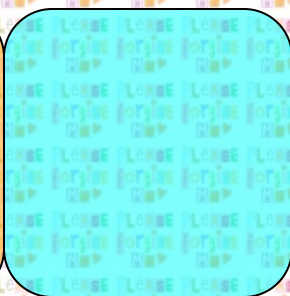
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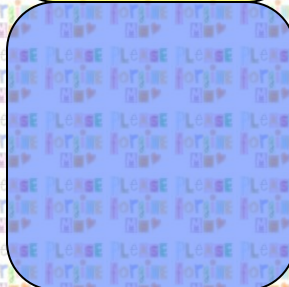


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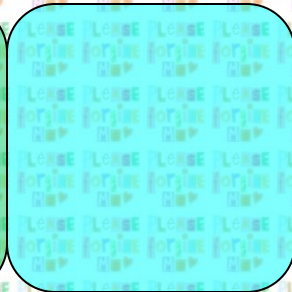


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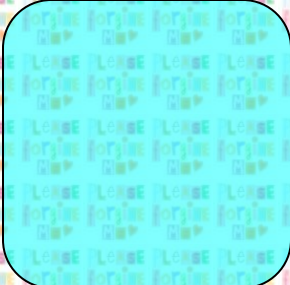
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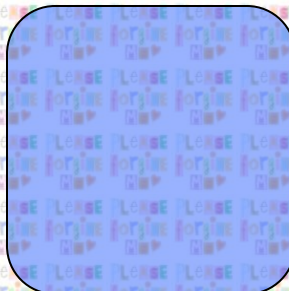
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**Finish**

<p>What did the servant owe the king?</p> <p>(A great deal of money.)</p>	<p>Could the servant pay his debt to the king?</p> <p>(No)</p>
<p>Since the servant could not pay his debt, what did the king command to be done?</p> <p>(The servant's land and property would be sold and that he and his family would be sold as slaves in order to settle the debt.)</p>	<p>Because the servant could not pay his debt to the king, what did the servant do?</p> <p>(The servant fell down and worshipped the king, and begged him to have patience with him, promising to pay it all.)</p>
<p>The king was moved with compassion with his servant who begged for forgiveness. What did the king do then?</p> <p>(He released him from bondage and forgave the entire debt.)</p>	<p>When the servant found someone who owed him money, what did he do?</p> <p>(He grabbed the servant by the throat and told him that he must pay what he owed.)</p>
<p>Since the person could not pay the servant the money that he owed, what did the servant do?</p> <p>(He did not show him mercy and he had the person thrown into prison.)</p>	<p>What did the king do when he heard what his servant had done to the person who owed him money? (He had the unforgiving servant arrested, thrown into prison and tortured until the original debt was repaid.)</p>
<p>Will God forgive us when we do wrong if we are truly sorry for our sins?</p> <p>(Yes)</p>	<p>True or False: To be forgiven we must forgive others so God will forgive us.</p> <p>(True)</p>

<p>When should we tell God that we are sorry?</p> <p>(When we do something wrong.)</p>	<p>God forgives the wrong things we have done. What should we do to others who have done something wrong?</p> <p>(Forgive them.)</p>
<p>How many times must we forgive others?</p> <p>(We should forgive over and over again just like God and Jesus.)</p>	<p>When someone says they are sorry and they really mean it, what should you say?</p> <p>(I forgive you.)</p>
<p>What does it mean when you say, "I'm sorry?"</p> <p>(I feel bad about what I did to you, I wish I hadn't done it, I'm apologizing for what I did wrong, etc.)</p>	<p>What do we mean when we say, "I forgive you"?</p> <p>(You excuse/forgive somebody for a mistake or for doing something wrong.)</p>
<p>True or False: When you forgive someone for doing something bad you should do something mean back to him/her.</p> <p>(False)</p>	<p>True or False: When you forgive someone for doing something bad you should not be mad at that person any more.</p> <p>(True)</p>
<p>Who died on the cross so our sins would be forgiven?</p> <p>(Jesus)</p>	<p>True or False: It's alright to forgive others, but not yourself.</p> <p>(False)</p>

I'm Sorry Cards

<p>You call someone mean and nasty names.</p>	<p>Your brother/sister is annoying so you hit them.</p>
<p>You had a fight with your best friend and now you are not speaking to each other.</p>	<p>You forgot your best friend's birthday.</p>
<p>You borrow a video game from a friend and you accidently break it.</p>	<p>You lost your brother's/sister's iPod.</p>
<p>You did not invite a friend to your party and you hurt their feelings.</p>	<p>You and your friends wrote on the bathroom walls at school and you get caught.</p>
<p>You get mad and yell at someone.</p>	<p>You are a bully at school and in your neighborhood. You pick and tease other kids all the time.</p>

I'm Sorry Cards

You use your brother's/sister's Game Boy without permission.	You accidentally break your neighbor's window.
You need a good grade on the test so you cheat.	You trip the player on the other team so you could get the ball away from them.
You went smoking with some friends and your parents do not allow you to do that.	You take some candy from a store.
You copy your homework off your friend and turn it in.	You get a bad grade on a paper from school and hide it from your parents.
You go somewhere that your parents have forbid you to go.	You watch a PG-13 movie at a friend's house and you are not allowed to watch PG-13 movies.



I'm Sorry Cards

<p>You and your friends talk during Mass and disturb the people around you.</p>	<p>Without permission you ate the dessert that your Mom was saving for company.</p>
<p>You tell your Mom you did your chores, but you didn't.</p>	<p>You are supposed to clean your room, but you shove everything under your bed and tell your Mom that you are done.</p>
<p>You are not allowed to eat or drink in the family room and you spill a Coke on the couch. You tell your Mom that you do not know who did it.</p>	<p>You are supposed to put away your toys after you play with them. You leave them on the floor and run outside to ride your bike.</p>
<p>You are supposed to stay in a group for the Field Trip, but you run off ahead.</p>	<p>Your friend says something mean to you and you say something mean back.</p>
<p>You tell your parents that you brushed your teeth and you didn't.</p>	<p>You lie to your parents and tell them you didn't have any homework so you can play with your friends.</p>

I'm Sorry Cards

<p>You pretend you were sick so you would not have to go to school.</p>	<p>You are supposed to do your chores before you go out with your friends. You don't do your chores and later you tell your Mom that you forgot about them.</p>
<p>You talk about a friend to others that isn't there and gossip about him/her.</p>	<p>You are supposed to do your chores before watching TV. You don't want to do your chores right now and watch TV.</p>
<p>Your Mom made cookies and tells you not to eat any before dinner. You eat one any way.</p>	<p>You make fun of a kid at school.</p>
<p>Your parents do not allow you to hang around Tommy, but you do any way.</p>	<p>Your Mom takes you to a store and you misbehave.</p>
<p>You slam the doors in the house even though you are not supposed to.</p>	<p>You are disrespectful to your parents and talk back to them.</p>

I'm Sorry Cards

<p>You are playing volleyball and you accidentally elbow another player in the face.</p>	<p>You accidentally bump someone and they drop everything they were carrying.</p>
<p>You did not go to Mass on Sunday.</p>	<p>You get dumped by your boyfriend/girlfriend so you spread bad rumors about them.</p>
<p>Someone falls down and gets hurt and you laugh.</p>	<p>You use God's name in anger or in a bad way.</p>
<p>You use filthy language and curse.</p>	<p>You owe money to your friend and you won't pay him back.</p>
<p>A friend tells you a secret and you are not suppose to tell anyone, but you do any way.</p>	<p>Your little sister needs help with her homework and you refuse to help her.</p>

I'm Sorry Cards

<p>You have plans with your grandmother to go over to her house tonight, but your friend just asked you to go to the movies. You call your grandmother and tell her you can't come over so you can go with your friend to the movies.</p>	<p>You will not be nice to this kid at school because he has a disability.</p>
<p>Tara invited you to her party and you said you would come. Mary just invited you to her party on the same night. You would rather go to Mary's party so you tell Tara that something came up and you can't go.</p>	<p>You went to a party that your parents told you that you could not go to. You did drugs, smoked, and drank. You come home and you reek of smoke and liquor.</p>
<p>You took money out of your sibling's piggy bank without permission.</p>	<p>You find your sibling's journal/diary and read it.</p>
<p>You promise a friend you will meet them at the movies. You forget about giving your word to meet them and go shopping with another friend.</p>	<p>Your parents do not allow you to go to a certain site on the internet, but you do any way. Later your parents ask what you did on the computer.</p>
<p>Your parents notice that the remote for the TV is broken. You broke it, but you tell your parents that your brother/sister did it.</p>	<p>Your brother really embarrasses you in front of your friends. Later you tell everyone in the neighborhood that he sometimes wets his bed.</p>

I'm Sorry Cards

<p>You are talking to your friend during class. When the teacher catches your friend and he/she gets punished for talking but you don't.</p>	<p>You borrow a friend's cell phone and accidentally drop it.</p>
<p>You make fun of someone because they are shy.</p>	<p>You get a new student in your class. Without getting to know him, you gossip about him to the rest of the students.</p>
<p>A kid in your class has an unusual name and you tease him/her about it.</p>	<p>There is one cupcake left. Your brother/sister has not had one yet. You have already had one and you eat the last cupcake.</p>
<p>You use all the hot water in the shower on purpose so your little sister/brother will not have any.</p>	<p>Before your brother sits down, you pull the chair out from under him and he falls on the floor.</p>
<p>You do not tell your sister that her boyfriend called.</p>	<p>Your sister plays this <b>silly</b> CD over and over again. You hide it so you don't have to hear it any more.</p>

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