

The Unforgiving Servant

Assembly 1

Sell Him

You will need:

A piece of paper with a large smiling face on one side and a sad face on the other

Begin the story

This is the beginning of another story that Jesus told.

There was once a powerful King, who was good to his people and those that worked for him.

If people needed to borrow money, then he would lend it to them.

Jim, one of the King's servants, had borrowed £1000, and the time had come for him to pay back the money. The trouble was that he had spent all of the money a long time ago and he hadn't managed to save enough to repay the king. The King sent for him and Jim was brought to face the King.

Play the Song, "Sell him"

We don't know how hard Jim had tried to get enough money for the King. He might have worked really hard to get it, or he might just have borrowed the money, when he really had no way planned of paying it back.

Questions for discussion

What was the King's solution to the problem?

How do you think Jim would have felt about what the King was saying?

Sometimes bad things happen. It may be because of something that we've done, or it might be totally undeserved. It may be a small thing like our favourite toy getting broken, or it may be a big thing such as when someone we care for is very ill, or even dies. There is no easy way around this. There will always be some bad things, but there will also be good things as well. Also, time doesn't stand still, it keeps going and as time passes, the bad feelings that we might have about different things, get less painful.

Activity

Invite the children to come up and share happy and/or sad times in their life, while holding the paper with the appropriate face showing to the rest of the children.

Prayer

Help us Lord, to understand that there is nothing wrong with being sad or upset when things go wrong. Give us good friends to help us in bad times and also help us not to concentrate so much on bad things that we stop seeing the good things around us.

Reflection

It says in the bible that there is a time to weep and a time to laugh. Although we like to be happy, there are some times when it is right to be sad. Both things are important.

Learn the song