

The Unforgiving Servant

Assembly 2

Grovel

You will need:

An opaque bag containing something mildly abrasive or sharp, e.g. a sharp pencil, scissors, sandpaper, pallet knife, etc.

Play and sing "Sell him"

Recap the story so far

Continue the story

Jim knelt before the King in absolute despair at what he has just heard. He decided to do the only thing that was left that might make a difference. He begged and grovelled for forgiveness.

Play the Song, "Grovel"

Questions for discussion

If somebody threatened you with something, like the King did to Jim, how might you react?

In the song, what does Jim say about the King?

If he was upset or angry at what the King had said, what might he have said back to the King?

If he had been rude to the King, do you think that would have helped him?

Activity

You will need the bag mentioned at the top of the page. Keep the contents a secret for now.

In the bag is something that could hurt you if you are rough with it. I would like someone to come and, very carefully and gently, feel inside the bag without looking and tell everyone what they find. -*Volunteer identifies contents.*

It's unlikely that these things will hurt you if you're careful, but if you just quickly pushed your hand into the bag without looking you would be more likely to get hurt. It's a bit like that with people. If we are rough in the way that we treat them, we are more likely to be hurt by them.

Sometimes when people say things to us that we don't like, or that we think are unfair, we react by getting angry and we might want to be rude or nasty to them. There might be times when getting angry helps, but usually it doesn't! It usually makes things worse. If we can calmly explain why something has happened it might make the situation better.

Can anyone think of any examples of this that might happen on the playground, or at home?

Prayer

Help us Lord, to be careful about the way that we speak to other people, so that we can help to make things better, instead of making them worse.

Reflection

If you can keep calm, those around you are more likely to keep calm. If you get angry, those around you are more likely to get angry.

Learn the song