

The Unforgiving Servant

Assembly 4

Enough

You will need:

Two pieces of paper (folded), each with a different instruction on. Instruction one should say: Have a conversation, treat the other person in a way that you would like someone to treat you.

Instruction two should say:

Have a conversation, treat the other person in a way that you would hate someone to treat you.

Play and sing "Free to go"

Recap the story so far

Continue the story

Jim left feeling a whole lot happier than he had a few minutes before. What a relief. No more worrying about paying back the money. Then he thought of something that made him even more cheerful. Another servant, called John, owed him some money. He had lent him £100, and it was about time he got it back.

He sent for John and asked for his money back.

But just as had happened a short time earlier, John admitted that he didn't yet have enough to pay back the debt.

In this next song, first of all you will hear John, and then you will hear Jim's reply.

Play the Song, "Enough"

Jim had John locked up in prison because he couldn't pay back what he had borrowed.

Questions for discussion

Why might Jim's behaviour be slightly surprising?

Punishing John was legal. Do you think it was fair?

Can you explain what it means when people say that you should treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself?

Activity

I need two talkative volunteers to come and follow some instructions, without telling anyone else what the instructions are.

Give the instructions to the two children, without revealing the contents to anyone else.

Can anyone watching guess what the instructions say?

One of the most important rules in the bible is that you should love your neighbour as yourself, which means you should treat those around you with as much care as you treat yourself.

Prayer

Help us always, to treat people in a way that we would be happy to be treated ourselves. We spend a lot of time looking after ourselves. Help us to spend at least some time helping others.

Reflection

Trying to imagine yourself in someone else's position may help you to know the best way to treat them.

Learn the song