

The Unforgiving Servant

Assembly 11

Make him pay

Play and sing "Enough"

Recap the story so far

Continue the story

A few days went by and Jim forgot all about John who was suffering in jail. But, eventually, the King got to hear about what had happened. He had let him off, with the huge debt and yet Jim had gone away and not forgiven someone else for a much smaller amount of money. The King was furious. He had Jim dragged before him and asked him why he had treated John the way he had.

"It was perfectly legal," explained Jim, but the King was not impressed. He ordered that Jim should be put in prison in place of John, and John should be set free.

Play the Song, "Make Him Pay"

Questions for discussion

If what Jim had done was legal, why was the King so annoyed?

Why do you think Jesus told this story?

(If God forgives us for big things that we have done wrong, we should forgive others)

Most things that we do have consequences. For example, if we stay out in the sun too long without sunscreen we get sunburnt.

What do you think might be the consequences of these actions:

- ◆ You eat a whole packet of chocolate biscuits in one go.
- ◆ You rob a bank
- ◆ You don't thank someone for helping you
- ◆ You decide to check if a wet paint sign is correct or not.

Jim had to face the consequences of not forgiving John. He didn't have to face the consequences straight away. To start with it seemed as though nothing would happen. But eventually he was found out.

Jesus was telling us that, if we ask him to, God will forgive us for everything that we have done that is wrong, but if he forgives us for so much, he expects us to forgive other people when they do wrong to us.

Prayer

Our Father, thank you that you forgive us for everything that we do wrong, big things and small things. Help us to forgive other people when we see them doing wrong things.

Reflection

You aren't perfect, so try to be understanding when other people prove that they aren't perfect either.

Learn the song