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Unforgiving Servant

Review:

Questions from last week's story

Vocabulary: (Write bold words on the board and discuss with students)

debt-something that is owed

servant- somebody who serves another **parable**- a story with a hidden meaning

mercy- forgiveness

Plan:

1. Read story "The Unforgiving Servant" Matthew 18:21-22

Questions:

- 1. What did the servant do for the master to forgive his debt? The servant fell down and worshipped the king, and begged him to have patience with him, promising to pay it all.
- 2. When the servant found someone who owed him money, what did he do? He grabbed the servant by the throat and told him that he must pay what he owed.
- 3. What did the servant do? He did not show him mercy and he had the fellow servant thrown into prison.

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- 4. What did the king do when he heard what the servant had done? He had the unforgiving servant arrested, thrown into prison and tortured until the original debt was repaid.
- 5. Will God forgive us when we do wrong? Yes, if we are truly sorry for our sins.
- 6. What must we do to be forgiven? We must forgive others so God will forgive us.

2. Object Lesson:

Over and Over Again- http://www.sermons4kids.com/over-and-over-again.html

3. Introduce game: God forgives the wrong things we have done, what should we do to others who have done something wrong? Forgive them.

Who's Forgiven (page 66)- The Really Big Book of Bible Games

4. Introduce craft: When we do something wrong, what should we do? Be sorry for what you have done and ask God to forgive you.

Forgiveness Craft- http://biblekidsfunzone.com/crafts/dirforgiveness.html

5. Introduce movie: How many times are you to forgive someone? Many, many times.

God Wants Me To Forgive Them?!- Veggie Tales

The Grapes of Wrath (12 min.)

- 1. What did the grapes do to Junior? They made fun of him.
- 2. Who does God want us to be kind to? Everyone
- 3. When someone says they are sorry and they really mean it, what should you say? I forgive you.
- 4. How many times are you supposed to forgive someone? Not 7 times, but seventy times seven (490). In other words, many, many times.

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6. Introduce puzzle: How many times must we forgive someone? We should forgive over and over again just like God and Jesus.

Nutty Numbers (How many times you should forgive maze)- Maze Mania by Viki Woodworth

Sharing God's Love- Fill the hearts with ways that you can share God's love with others.

http://www.webelieveweb.com/documents/downloadables/parish/grade_2/g2_chapter_19.pdf

Jesus Teaches Us How To Love- Follow the path through the garden to reach "Love For Others".

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/gradek/4300-W 039.pdf

Forgiveness- Write the number of the sentence that matches each picture. http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade1/4301-W_131.pdf

Forgiveness- Color only the pictures that show forgiveness. http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade1/4301-W 139.pdf

A Forgiveness Story- Write a story about when you were forgiven. Draw a picture about your story.

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade2/4302-W 056.pdf

Celebrating God's Forgiveness- Color by letters. http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade2/4302-W_066.pdf

7. Introduce snack: When might you need to trust God's faithfulness? When I do something wrong and ask for God's forgiveness.

Faith Crackers- http://www.christiancrafters.com/treat faith crackers.html

Faith Cookies- http://lds.about.com/cs/primary/a/st_faithcookies.htm

Faith Cookies- http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/ShowRecipe.aspx?rid=41183
Have the children make cross shaped cookies and decorate them. (Example: one large rectangle for main part of cross, and one smaller rectangle to form the cross).