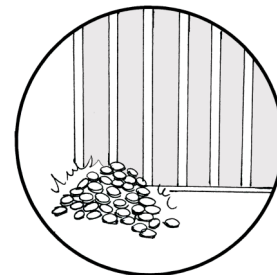




## Lesson #1-23

## THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Matthew 18:15-35

**Key Verse:**

Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”  
Matthew 18:21-22

**The Point:**

We are called to forgive, just as God forgives us.

**Unit Theme (February 26—March 26)**

The Ways of the Kingdom

## IMAGES OF FORGIVENESS

*Make a collage of forgiveness stories.*

*Supplies:*

- † White board or mural paper
- † Marker
- † Paper
- † Markers or crayons
- † Tape

*Instructions:*

1. **Life in God’s kingdom is a life in which we are forgiven by God and called to forgive others. While Jesus teaches about this specifically in today’s lesson, it is certainly not the first story of forgiveness.**
2. **We are going to brainstorm Bible stories that have forgiveness as a theme.**
3. Invite responses and write down the stories on the white board or mural paper.
4. Hand out paper to each small group.
5. Assign one story to each small group and ask them to draw an image of that story.
6. **Each person must draw at least one thing on the image that your small group completes, so that everyone has a role.**
7. Invite each group to bring their drawing forward and tape them to the wall to make a collage of forgiveness stories.
8. **While Jesus teaches specifically about forgiveness in today’s story, forgiveness appears throughout the Bible. As we can see through all these pictures, God is a God of forgiveness.**