


PROPER 19: FORGIVE OTHERS

THE STORY:
MATTHEW 18:21-35



Peter asks Jesus how many times we are to forgive someone who has sinned against us or has done us wrong. Jesus responds with the parable known as the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.



YOUNGER CHILDREN

- I wonder who you think the King might be in this story?
- I wonder how the servant felt when he was forgiven his debt?
- I wonder how the servant felt when he was caught not forgiving another person's debt?
- I wonder what you think this might mean for God's forgiveness for us?



OLDER YOUTH

Jesus was a great storyteller. The story we heard today is what we call a parable. A parable is a short story that teaches us something about something very important. Today, our parable was about forgiveness. Peter asked Jesus how many times you are supposed to forgive someone. Why do you think he asked this? (allow them time to respond)



ACTIVITIES

1. Participate in the “Weighted Down” activity (instructions attached)
2. Make “Forgiveness Bracelets” (instructions attached)