

The Unforgiving Servant

Read the parable of the two debtors told by Jesus in Matt 18:23-33 .

Then put the **green** words from the parable into the crossword puzzle.

One of the king's servants owed the king a great deal of money. However, he did not have the money to pay the **king**, so he asked the king to be **patient** and give him more time to repay the **debt**. The king felt bad for his servant and told him he did not have to repay the money. The entire debt was **forgiven**.

Once the **servant** left, he went looking for a worker who owed him a very small amount of money. The **worker** begged him to be patient. But the servant, who had just been forgiven by the king, had this man thrown in **jail**.

When the king heard how unkind his servant had been to the worker, he was angry. He told his servant, "Shame on you for treating your debtor this way, after all I did for you. Now you will go to jail, and you will pay me everything you owed me."

What good lessons we can learn from this **parable**. First, to treat others the way we would like to be treated, and second, to have a **loving** and forgiving heart.

