The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
(Lower Elementary)

September 13, 2020 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

In this week’s Gospel passage, Jesus preaches on the importance of forgiveness. There should be no limit to how often we forgive our brother and sister. God is constantly forgiving us, and He calls us to do the same for others. In this lesson, students will consider how they should respond to forgiveness.

Directions

A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
B. Have your students complete the Spot the Difference activity, and then answer the reflection question.
C. When they have finished, call on students to share and discuss their answers.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive a brother who sins against him.
2. He tells Peter he has to forgive His brother seventy-seven times.
3. He chokes the servant and demands he pay back the loan. He refuses to listen when the servant begs for mercy and throws his fellow servant into prison until he can pay back the debt.
4. He summons the wicked servant and tells him that he should have had mercy on his fellow servant the way the king had mercy on him. The king then hands the servant over to the torturers until he should pay back his debt.
5. Forgive our brothers from our heart.
Spot the Difference