

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 19A

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MAIN POINT

Be patient and forgiving

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go. **Matthew 18:26-27**

CHAT

In most stories that we read there are characters. What is a character?

e.g. who the story is about

What kind of characters do most stories have to make them interesting?

e.g. good and bad characters

When we read stories we usually want to be the good characters because they always get the best ending. But sometimes we might act like the bad characters and we know that someone is going to be upset with us and they may not feel very happy because we haven't treated them very well.

In the Bible there is a story about a servant who asked his master to take pity on him because he needed some more time to pay back a debt he owed. The master was kind and gave him a second chance. That sounds like a wonderful master who is trying to help. But the saddest part of this story was when a friend of that same servant asked for the same second chance the servant said no and was angry with them. Do you think that was very fair?

No, not at all. Even though he had been given a second chance he wasn't willing to do that for someone else. We are very blessed to have a God who is even more wonderful and caring than the master in this story, because he forgives us even when we hurt others and he gives us second chances all the time.

We need to try and act like God does and look after people, forgive them, be patient with them and help them when they need it.

PRAYER

Dear God, help us to be kind and forgiving towards others. Help us to be patient and care for each other. Amen.

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